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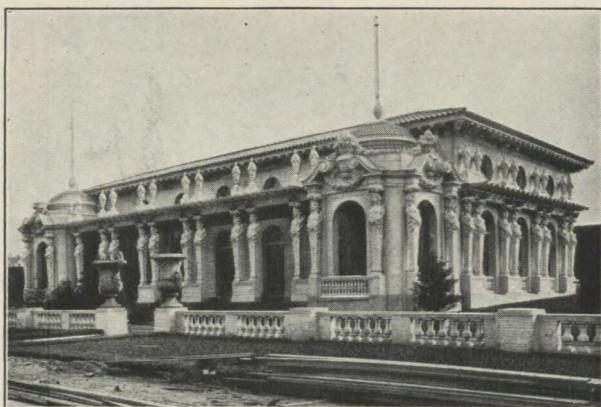
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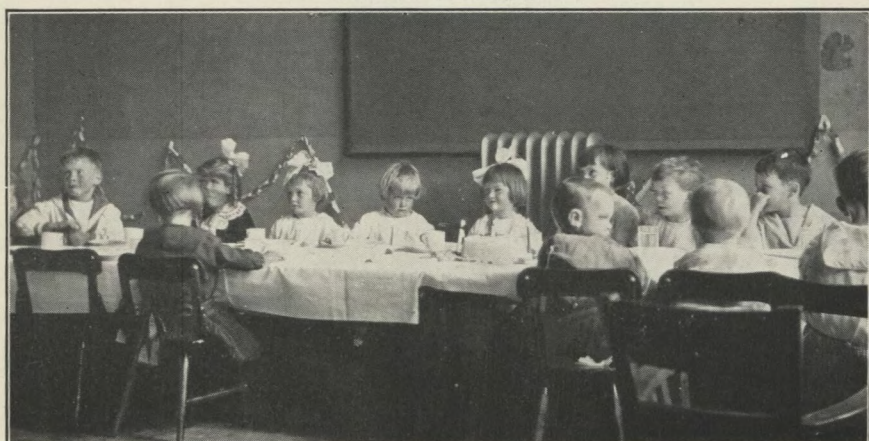
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A GOOD TIMES EVENING FOR EXPOSITION EMPLOYEES

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A SOCIAL SERVICE POWER PLANT

THE Y. W. C. A. AT THE EXPOSITION

Take from your library shelf your volume of *Alice in wonderland* and a copy of the *Arabian nights*. Read again the stories of cabbages and kings, dream palaces and magic gardens, and you will think, not of the days of your childhood, but of the Panama-Pacific international exposition, which has just closed. It was such a fairyland of radiant colors, such a wonderful playground and nine-months' carnival, that one was apt to forget that, after all, it was a work-a-day world. Only upon second thought did one remember that hundreds of men and women did prosy work there day by day. They were busy meeting people, directing, amusing, and instructing the crowds of sight-seers.

After a long day of walking from one place to another until feet ached and muscles were weary, one was in a mood to remember that there were thousands of other visitors who needed the common comforts, such as food, quiet, and a place to rest.

The exposition officials realized all of this over two years ago when they invited the National board of the Young Women's Christian association to erect a building which could be headquarters for all women, whether visiting or employed. The National board responded by placing in the South gardens the building which was a center of comfort and hospitality through all the exposition months, "A social service plant." An attractive, well-managed lunch room, where meals could be had at reasonable prices, was deemed the best way of letting the public know of the existence of the organization in such an unusual place as a big international fair. People must eat wherever they are, and while they wait to be served they are likely to turn their attention to the most obvious things. Consequently, ways were devised to let them know about the other kinds of service for which this building stood. A writing room and reading room on the main floor offered comfort to tired folk; a rest room, where women could lie down and relax utterly, was provided on the upper floor, away from the noise and rush of things; and photographs, pictures, and exhibits in cases around the lobby called attention to the work of the associations scattered over the country. Over 5,000 people a day passed through the building, and an average of 800 questions were answered.

Before the exposition opened it was stated that about three thousand girls and women would find employment in its palaces, state buildings and amusement zone. Many of these came from San Francisco and had friends and connections in this region, but a considerable number hailed from long distances, drawn here by the idea that it would be possible to make a generous living in a place where there must be so much work to do. In the matter of employment alone, the Young Women's Christian association was constantly appealed to by girls who were unable to get work and who needed to be helped until they could find some way to return to their homes. In many cases employment was secured for them; in other cases, where illness or some other misfortune had overtaken them, they were tidied over and cared for. Considerable actual protective work was done. Whenever a girl is especially attractive there is always temptation in the form of some stranger waiting to escort her home at night or invite her out to dinner. Nine times out of ten when she accepts these invitations it is because she is either lonely or hard up. If, at this point, there is some wise friend at hand, the girl is safe. One of the young women who worked on the Zone went down to live in what proved to be a disreputable part of town, because she was trying to live cheaply to save money to get back to her mother. When she found that one of the Young Women's Christian association secretaries cared enough to get her a good home she said, "It would be mighty easy for any girl to keep straight if somebody cared enough to help her out."

Probably more heart-to-heart talks were held in the employment office than in any other spot on the grounds. The girls were quick to recognize the genuine interest that was felt in their welfare, and, not only did they tell their troubles, but they were ready to take advice. Sometimes a casual question and answer revealed a desperate state of things which the mere request for employment had not suggested.

"You will hear from me very soon. The first moment any opening occurs I will send for you, for I know your need of work is urgent."

"When will you send? Tomorrow?"

"Tomorrow if possible—the very minute I can find a suitable place for you. I have your telephone number."

"Don't bother—I won't be there—I can't wait for it—there's only the gas route for me!"

This was just one of some of the thrilling responses made in a seemingly ordinary conversation. An hour later the understanding employment secretary had placed this despairing young mother in the hands of a "Big sister" who had skill and resources. She made a place for the girl to work in her own home where she could keep her child until a better position offered. Back rent was loaned her,

clothes, pawned by a drunken husband, replaced; and new courage to face life aroused.

A discharged employee on the exposition grounds brought a note to the employment bureau from the secretary of her former employer, which read:

"This poor soul is in sore straits. She has planned her life none too wisely. She does not fit into our work and has nothing to fall back on. Feed her on our credit—cheer her up if you can—and love her a little. This morning her baggage was seized for rent. A square meal will give her new courage."

The order was filled in all its details and a job less taxing to an untrained middle-aged woman provided.

The employment office kept careful track of all positions open to women on the exposition grounds, and, by wise handling, usually succeeded in fitting the woman to the job. Employers were not asked to take inefficient workers or those unsuited to their needs. As a result, the employment secretary was able to place in positions from fifty to seventy women every month. In anticipation of the closing of the exposition on December 4, a careful canvass was made, building by building, to ascertain just how many women belonged here in San Francisco, and what proportion of these must be provided with work. No one was considered who, by any chance, worked for pin money. But, reduced to its lowest terms, there were three hundred women who were either entirely dependent upon their own resources or who, added to this responsibility, had the care of some other person, an old mother, an invalid father, a younger brother or sister. An appeal was made to the business men of the community to take on an extra worker rather than to use that money in donations to such benevolences. They were urged that if there was a choice of two workers, comparatively equal in efficiency, and one desperately needed the work, and the other did not, to see that the one who needed it got it. After each one of the previous expositions, charges have been brought that large numbers of women and girls have disappeared, supposedly lured or driven into an immoral life. Through the combined efforts of the Travelers' aid, the Young Women's Christian association, and related agencies the girls employed at the Panama-Pacific international exposition were comparatively safe.

Perhaps the most picturesque piece of work which the Young Women's Christian association did at the exposition was that which centered around the club house on the amusement zone. This club house was a comfortable summer cottage with a club room furnished in rattan, a rest room, kitchen, and lunch room; and best of all, an abundance of hot water, with foot baths for weary feet and tub baths for those girls who had been missing them because they were obliged

to live on the amusement zone. From the moment that it opened, the girls adopted it as their own. "Are you going to the club this afternoon?" one girl would say in much the same tone as a man would say to another man, "Shall I meet you at the club tonight?" It was their "House of friendliness"—and they came to it from long distances. At any hour in the day a hot lunch was served at from twelve to seventeen cents. Instantaneous hot water in the bathrooms; magazines, flowers, and a piano in the club room; a trained nurse who looked after any ailment that might put a girl temporarily below par; and a friendly atmosphere that made one come again.

Nobody had so little time to see the exposition as the people who worked there. So, for the busy demonstrators, and saleswomen, and cashiers a series of noon time talks were arranged, talks on the architecture and sculpture and meaning of the great fair. Every Wednesday noon, at ten minutes after twelve, and then again at ten minutes after one, somebody, who was especially qualified to explain one of the courts or buildings or statues, gave a brief talk to any of the girls who chose to come. They brought their lunches, the Young Women's Christian association sent over thermos bottles of hot coffee; and the whole affair was a picnic, a lecture, and a very good time.

As the work developed each member of the employed staff was responsible for making the acquaintance of, and establishing friendly relations with, the women in one palace. Simple, home-like parties were given, followed by fun and frolic and opportunity to get acquainted. Over half of the girls who came to these entertainments registered from states outside California. One evening, when the roll call of states was made, in response to the word "Massachusetts," nine girls rose in different parts of the room, each of whom worked in a different building, and no two of whom were aware of the other's existence. In less time than it takes to tell it, those nine girls had picked up their chairs, and, carrying them over to a secluded corner of the room, had sat down, and, with their heads close together were getting acquainted. In the various state parties, Massachusetts, Illinois, New York, and Ohio, carried off the palm for the greatest number of representatives present. On one evening there was a little girl from Belgium, two from Norway, one from Japan, one from Switzerland, twelve from Hawaii, two from Canada, and one from Australia. One of these girls said afterward, "You can't possibly know how much that frolic meant to me. Why, it's the first party I've been to in five years." She was a twenty-two year old girl who had been supporting herself since she was fourteen; she was working for one of the telegraph companies and studying stenography and typewriting at night to make herself more proficient; but she was a girl, young and pretty and wholesome, with a perfectly natural love

of fun, and she was fairly starved for the lack of it. The Young Women's Christian association, through the social side of its work, has tried to banish loneliness from the hearts of the girls employed at the exposition, who found themselves far away from home, and strangers in a western city.

Off at one side of the main building was a little annex which housed the Young Women's Christian association day nursery. Surrounding it was a playground, with sand piles, and slides and swings. Somehow, in the early days of the exposition nobody thought about "Baby." Everybody expected somebody to do it, and so nobody did. Poor little chubby folk, with short legs, trudged bravely after mother and father, though they were just too tired to stand up another minute; or weary mother carried baby about until she, in turn, was frazzled, and the joy of the day was gone. There were times when the rest room (which was meant as a place for tired women to lie down and sleep) was so swamped with babies that the room lost its original purpose. As time went on the exposition Young Women's Christian association became convinced that the conduct of a day nursery was a very necessary piece of work. Its popularity fully justified this decision. From the time it opened an average of fifty children were cared for day by day. On some days over one hundred were left there in the care of the graduate nurses and the trained kindergartners. The youngest baby to be entered was two weeks old. A minimum charge of 25 cents a day, or 15 cents for half a day, was made. Each child was given a brief physical examination to insure the others against contagion of any sort, and then put to sleep, or fed or played with, or allowed to sprawl in the sand pile, as the case might be. Most of the children belonged to tourists who were here for a short time, but some of them came back day after day; and there were some little folk who felt as much at home at the Young Women's Christian association nursery as though under their own roof. One mother brought her little girl of five on the child's birthday. It was the only day the mother had to see the fair, and not wishing her little daughter to miss all the joys of her birthday, she brought a huge cake, with six candles, five to blow on and one to be good on. The kindergartner laid a long table. All the babies and youngsters sat down to the "party." The little golden-haired hostess, very conscious of her five years, was as happy as a little queen.

There was opportunity for some very wholesome religious work in connection with the day nursery. The children were told Bible stories, they colored Bible pictures, and a small grace was said at table when they had their meals. Inexperienced mothers, too, learned better ways of caring for their children. The story was long told of the mother who brought a large chunk of brown coffee cake for the luncheon of

her seven months old baby. It is to be hoped that there will be less indigestion and less colic in the homes of some of the inexperienced young mothers by reason of what they learned in the Young Women's Christian association nursery.

Y. W. C. A.—National jubilee committee

THETA HELPERS IN THE EXPOSITION Y. W. C. A. WORK

How proud and happy we are when at college we know that our chapter is maintaining a standard of wholesome interest in college activities, and with what satisfaction we receive the news from other college chapters that elsewhere Thetas are proving that the ideals we cherish are a force for good work in the college world! Then it is not strange that when we leave the college world for a bigger world, Theta alumnae, with the inspiration they received in their college days, are eager to share in the work of their community life, and that we are rejoicing most heartily in the large number of Theta alumnae there are, who are expressing their interest in community activities. And that expression of interest means putting their best efforts in service for others.

We have a demonstration of what Thetas can do in a community, when we consider those who have helped in one particular piece of community work—that of the National Young Women's Christian association at the exposition in San Francisco.

As a secretary of the Informantion bureau in that association, coming from St. Louis after the work had gone on for a number of months, I was interested to find that four of the most honored women of the Exposition committee of the National board of the Young Women's Christian association—the executive body for all of the exposition Young Women's Christian association work—were members of Kappa Alpha Theta. They are Mrs. Warren Olney, Anne W. Brewer, Julia Morgan, and Muriel Ransom. The first two Thetas are members of the Pacific Coast field committee—the supervisory committee of the National board for California, Nevada, Arizona, and Honolulu. Mrs. Olney was president of the National Young Women's Christian association in 1911. Miss Brewer is also chairman of the secretarial department for the Pacific Coast Field. All four of these Thetas gave themselves unsparingly to the work of planning and replanning for the exposition association months before the opening day, and continued their steady, helpful service throughout the exposition period. Julia Morgan, as talented architect, planned the building and supervised its construction.

Muriel Ransom's service was unique. She was chairman of the "Cafeteria committee." The cafeteria, serving on an average of 4,000 people in a day, has attracted a great deal of attention for its evidences of efficiency and good management. The manager says, "All credit is due my chairman. She worked for the opening of the cafeteria months before I came, and the help she gave through her knowledge of the market, local tradesmen and dining room management, has been invaluable."

Then there were two other Thetas who helped with the work for the employed girls on the grounds, Mrs. Julia Gilbert, serving on the committee on employment, and Mrs. George Colby, one of the committee on education and vocational guidance for the exposition women.

It has been stimulating to me to know of the service these Thetas have been rendering on the exposition grounds. Thetas who could do such splendid "extra work" beside being managers of lovely homes, Muriel Ransom, of a well-known private school, or busy professional women.

Louise H. Wenzel

INSTALLATION OF ALPHA PSI

You all know our "Psi-Wisconsin," and it is with great pleasure that I present to you "Alpha Psi-Lawrence," our second Wisconsin chapter. Since my visit to Kappa Upsilon in the spring before convention my interest in their success had been very keen and it was with the fine sense of good things accomplished, and more in prospect that I journeyed to the installation on September 28 with Miss Leonard, president of District 11, and Helen Knowlton, Upsilon active.

We found a beautiful home town aflame in autumn colors, hospitable and welcoming, whose very heart seemed to be Lawrence college. Indeed it is an illuminating experience for a state university person to see how entirely the college interests may dominate a community, or at least may evidently permeate it. I had guessed from my previous visit what our welcome would be and I was not disappointed. From the numbers and ranks, official and unofficial, of our well wishers, I am sure we need not feel unwanted. After two days of visiting and planning and meeting trains, among the arrivals being Miss Green from Ithaca, New York, and Mrs. Forde from Emporia, Kansas, the date for the beginning of the ceremonies arrived. Thursday evening, September 30, at the home of Mrs. Lois Hill Spencer, Alpha Delta, Miss Leonard presided over the pledge service, ably assisted by the Psi delegation. After the pledging an impromptu "spelldown" on chapter roll and a few Theta songs

concluded the evenings activities, and we separated "till tomorrow." "Tomorrow," or Friday October 1, was the day of initiation, and at the home of Daisy Ingold, a Kappa Upsilon alumna, were initiated, the twenty-nine active and alumnae pledges of the night before. It was my great pleasure to preside over this service during the afternoon and early evening with Miss Green, Mrs. Forde, and Miss Leonard also officiating. After initiation we enjoyed a real Theta spread and good time, the spread provided and served by the "new Thetas" and the good time *and* spread partaken of joyfully by all. On Saturday the second of October the installation service was held at 1 o'clock at the home of Margaret Killen, an Alpha Psi alumna, presided over by Miss Green and assisted by the entire installing delegation. Alpha Psi was then ready to receive her friends which she proceeded to do in Mrs. Killen's parlors where tea and talk were charmingly dispensed, and we were made acquainted with several hundred of the new chapter's friends and relatives. I wonder if they were one half as pleased with us as we were with them? I hope so. After the reception I believe that many of us snatched a few moments rest, though of course that was not on the program and is I believe no longer fashionable. At any rate seven in the evening found us ready for the banquet, which was served at the Sherman house down town to 65 Thetas new and old. The toasts were presided over by Hester Harper, Psi, and were as follows:

Theta Welcome—Anita Pleuss, Psi.

To Kappa Alpha Theta—Ida Mackin, Alpha Psi.

Theta Purpose—Justinia Wilson, Upsilon.

Theta Chain—Olive Simpson, Psi.

The Loving Cup—L. Pearle Green, Phi.

With the passing of the loving cup the services of the installation of Alpha Psi chapter concluded, services which we believe but mark the beginning of a long and fine service to the fraternity. Alpha Psi promises well, and in view of her fine achievement during ten years existence as a local I think we may safely assume that she will "make good" her promise. Her ideals as a local were high, they have only to continue to express themselves. She will have the support of all Thetas near enough to lend a hand, and the interest of all Thetas. Speaking of the Thetas near at home reminds me to say that no elder sister ever looked with more loving care and sense of protection upon the toddling wee sister than that with which Psi regards her sister Alpha Psi. It was most evident through the days of installation and was a source of constant gratification to those of us from "far off" spots to realize that in the older chapter the new one would have a constant help, comparatively near at hand. But then, what good is good that isn't shared? None, in Theta at least. And who

of us attended the installation without feeling a distinct, fine addition to our Theta experience? Indeed I always have wished at such times that the whole fraternity could at one time or another take part in the installation of a chapter. Through these services the facts which have become matters of course to us are rejuvenated through sharing them for the first time with others. The inspiration which every chapter feels at the time of its own initiation is multiplied manifold and the whole experience is vitalized into a newer, broader meaning. It is a whole fraternity education in itself, and I believe that those of us who went to give the gift of Thetahood, took home with us the gift increased by sharing into a rarer, worthier thing.

Ruth Haynes Carpenter

GUESTS AT THE ALPHA PSI INSTALLATION WERE:

Upsilon, Ruth Haynes Carpenter, Elva Leonard, Helen Knowlton, Justina Leavitt Wilson.

Kappa, Hazel Allison Forde.

Phi, L. Pearle Green.

Alpha Delta, Lois Hill Spencer.

Alpha Eta, Mary Heiskell, Louise Young.

Delta, Faith Swigart.

Psi, Gladys Miller, Anna M. Hughes, Charlotte Bodman, Genevieve Panhallegon, Olive Mary Simpson, Hilda Mingle, Lucile Pritchard, Helen Sheldon Knowlton, Dorothy Laing, Margaret Whitehead, Laura Mae Hayward, Edith Moore, Margaret Hughes, Marjorie Kinnan, Hester Harper, Marion Conover, Katharine Miller, Georgia Ebbert.

Charter members of Alpha Psi are: Dorothy Clark, Ruth Find-eisen, Mary Slack, Nina B. Coye, Daisy Ingold, Lorine L. Taylor, Gladys Holstein, Verna Keefe, Marie Snyder, Henrietta Fuller Wescott, Jean Wiley Thickens, Margaret Ritchie, Barbara Thom, Naomi Owens, Calla A. Guyles, Gwendolen Owens, Florence Wheeler, Margaret Killen, Loraine Lomas, Constance Johnson, Anne Stroud, Caroline Winegard, Ida Mackin, Miriam Van der Bie, Dorothy Holbrook, Elizabeth Stevens, Carrie Blair, Hazel Cass Rosebush, Florence Stenhouse.

LAWRENCE COLLEGE

In 1864 the Honorable Amos A. Lawrence stated that he would give \$10,000 for the establishment of a literary institution in Wisconsin, if a similar sum could be raised within the territory. His conditions were these, that no sectarian instruction should be given by the proposed institution, that at least a minority of the trustees

must represent different denominations, and that the work must be carried on according to a plan "sufficiently broad to develop the scholar." Mr. Sampson, presiding elder of the Fond du Lac district of the Methodist-Episcopal church, took steps at once to consummate the arrangements. In December a charter was drawn up, and the following February its passage through the legislature was secured. The institution, receiving its name from the principal donor, was called Lawrence institute of Wisconsin.

A committee, appointed to select a location, accepted an offer made by George W. Lawe and John F. Meade, both of Kaukauna, of sixty-two acres of land on the Fox River in Grand Chute.

The charter provided for the organization of a college with authority to confer all degrees, that were conferred by similar institutions in the United States. The trustees, however, only undertook the establishment of the academic department, under the principalship of Rev. William H. Sampson. The institution was opened for instruction November 12, 1849. Soon the charter was amended so that the name was changed from Lawrence institute to Lawrence university.

The organization of the college department was not completed until 1853, although college studies had been taught. At this time the first College hall was erected, one of the largest and best college buildings in the West. Rev. Edward Cooke was elected president.

Since that time the college has steadily grown in strength, receiving additions to its endowments from time to time and adding, as means were provided, to its equipment.

Ormsby hall, the gift largely of Mr. D. G. Ormsby and wife, was erected in 1889 and enlarged in 1906; the Observatory, contributed by the citizens of Appleton in 1892; Stephenson hall of science, named after the principal donor, Honorable Isaac Stephenson, in 1899; the athletic field purchased in 1900; the Alexander gymnasium, largely the gift of L. M. Alexander, in 1901; the library presented by Andrew Carnegie, in 1905; the heating plant, in 1903; the Ormsby annex, purchased in 1902; and the Hall of music in 1906; Peabody recital hall, erected in 1909 by George F. Peabody and Mrs. Emma Harper; Brokaw hall, in 1910; Peabody home and Smith home, in 1914.

KAPPA UPSILON

Kappa Upsilon was organized in the spring of 1903, and was the first sorority at Lawrence college, although there were three local fraternities at this time. The charter members were eight young women of the college, who had been already drawn together by their similarities of tastes and their common interests. It was their idea



ALPHA PSI

that the organization of a permanent society or sorority would serve to bind together and promote the welfare of both college and themselves.

The following ideals were chosen as the highest aims of Kappa Upsilon: The encouragement of excellence in scholarship and participation in all things connected with the college; the attainment of culture and refinement in college life as well as in social life; the establishment of a spirit of helpful and kindly sisterhood among its members; and the creation of a strong bond of loyalty between the college and the sorority.

We feel that during the twelve years of Kappa Upsilon's existence, her success and prominence both in college and city are due to the continued emphasis placed upon these ideals. The sorority, at the time of petitioning Kappa Alpha Theta, had a membership of seventy-two nonactive members, most of whom were graduated from Lawrence college, and thirteen active members. Many of our girls upon entering larger institutions of learning have joined various national fraternities as Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Gamma Phi Beta.

Kappa Upsilon always emphasized her ideals and always received her share of honors in the college activities. In 1915 Dorothy Gregory, one of our Kappa sisters, was elected Queen of the May at the annual festival held upon the college campus. This is considered the highest honor bestowed upon a young woman in her senior year.

The members of Kappa Upsilon have also held prominent offices in the college Young Women's Christian association, Student senate, House government association, Girls' glee club, Dramatic clubs and College publications.

By the aid and experience of our beloved Kappa Upsilon, which has gone forever, we are doing our best to make Alpha Psi a chapter which will be considered worth while in all fraternity circles, and are trying to live up to the highest ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta.

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS, COLLEGE YEAR

1914-15

Alpha: Charlotte Wheeler '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Gamma: On honor roll—Mary Zoercher, first; Lola Connor, fifth; Virginia Kingsbury, eighth.

Chapter's average—second among fraternities, Delta Delta Delta holding first place.

Eta: Esther E. Shaw, fellowship in rhetoric at the University of Michigan.

Second rank in scholarship, first rank going to Sorosis.

- Iota: Helen Bennett '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
- Kappa: Chapter stood second in scholarship average, Pi Beta Phi holding first place by a narrow margin.
- Lambda: Lou Fullington '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Honors for high standing in sophomore and freshman work awarded to Helen Dewey '17, Pearl Grandy '17, Mary Sparks '18, Bessie Reynolds '18, and Helen Hall '18.
- Mu: Marie Howell '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
- Rho: Louise Bedwell '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Leo Howard '16, student assistant in the economics department at the Nebraska agricultural college.
- Tau: Frances Sweet '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, also graduated "with highest distinction."
Mary Herrick, Dorothy Scott, and Genevieve Forbes each received Junior honors.
Ruth Austin, and René Murray each received Sophomore honors.
Gloria Ray received Freshman honors.
- Psi: Dorothy Dana '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Margaret Curry '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and teaching fellowship in English at the University of Wisconsin.
Marie Carns '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Dorothy Lewis '16, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Marion Conover '16, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Ruth Chase '17, named for Sophomore honors.
Jean Hadden '15, teaching fellowship in French at the University of Wisconsin.
Ruth Fagan '15, scholarship in Latin at the University of Wisconsin.
Mary Buell '14, graduate scholarship in chemistry at the University of Illinois.
- Chi: Thyra Stiles '15, graduated *cum laude*.
Maude F. Sharp '15, graduated *cum laude*.
- Alpha Beta: Clara Atlee, Elizabeth Andrews and Eleanor Stabler each elected to Somerville literary society on an average of B.
- Alpha Iota: Lucille Bishop received Sophomore honors.
The ranking of the women's fraternities was:
Pi Beta Phi, first.
Kappa Alpha Theta, second.
Delta Gamma, third.
- Alpha Lambda: Elgine Warren '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Mabel Remsberg '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
- Alpha Mu: Julia Spalding elected to Sigma Xi.
Kappa Alpha Theta ranked second in scholarship for the first term with 107 points; and sixth for the second term with 104 points.

Alpha Nu: Diana Uline '15, Merle Kettlewell '15, E. Corrine McDonald '16, Isabel Gilbert '16, Beatrice Tabor '17, and M. Margaret Garvin '18, each on the honor roll.

E. Corrine McDonald also received a scholarship book in dramatic art.

Diana Uline also received a scholarship book in botany, and a fellowship in botany at the University of Nebraska.

Alpha Pi: Clara Flemington '15, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Alpha Upsilon: Marguerite Tillitson and Marion Walp elected to Tau Delta Pi (local with Phi Beta Kappa standards).

Adelaide Johnston received departmental honors in English and French.

Marguerite Selzer received departmental honors in English and sociology.

THETA FRATERNITY

AN ALPHA OMEGA INSTALLATION LUNCHEON TOAST

A few days ago as I was digging up the bulbs in my garden, this toast was uppermost in my mind. The thought occurred to me—why not liken Kappa Alpha Theta to a garden? Think with what loving, thoughtful care the first four gardeners planted their flowers. They set out the hardiest plants first, probably to test the fertility of the soil. How rich it was! After some lovely roses, hollyhocks, and phlox had blossomed so profusely, more seeds and bulbs were added until now, well, now the garden is almost as large as our country.

In this garden may be found every kind of blossom for of course it takes all of them to make so fair a one. The older and sturdier plants could never be uprooted for they were planted first and have withstood so many winters and summers. And now there are the lovely lillies, the modest violets, the dainty forget-me-nots, the sprightly daises, the sweet mignonette, the cheery golden glow and so on through the list, but the dearest one of all is the pansy—the heart-ease; that is the one the gardeners loved the best. That flower to them meant all that was beautiful and pure, and expressed their ideas and ideals as did none of the others.

As the garden grew and developed, more and more caretakers were needed until now we have four, who are looking after the garden with the greatest thought and care, giving each plant plenty of love and warmth. And how the blossoms do respond, for the gardeners know so well just what is best for the full development of the flowers. The garden has been wisely divided into sections so that plants of the same family, growing in the same soil, could be nearer together and could feel a closer friendship, for you know, the garden grew so

rapidly that it became really quite difficult for a stately rose in the eastern corner of the garden to see the friendly nod of the golden glow in the extreme western corner. So now, there are nine sections in our garden and, if the gardeners find many more new and rare seeds, more sections may become necessary. And when such rare plants are discovered, why shouldn't they be accepted and properly planted, for in this way the beauty and the grandeur of the garden is so greatly increased?

Two rare, new plants have just been added to the garden. They are so young and tender that it will take careful watching to develop them. They will need much sunshine, warmth and love, but in a few years, we know they will reach such strength and splendor that even the gardeners will have difficulty in telling them from the older plants. But to do so, we must not forget that the flowers have their part to perform and that they must be most careful that the weeds of selfishness, thoughtlessness, and narrowness do not get near enough to choke their roots and ruin their growth.

It was, indeed, a wisely planned garden that the four started and, although only two of the first gardeners are left, they surely must be enjoying the fruits of their care and efforts. It must be most gratifying to them to see to what size and strength the garden has grown; from just a few plants to thirty-eight different kinds, each with its own little place, but each one helping to make up "the fairest and loveliest of all."

Eugenie Rounsavell Overturf

SEEING AMERICA FIRST ON THE THETA SPECIAL

I realize that I don't need to begin talking about the weather: I could tell a Ford story and keep the same social position, but it gives me joy to remember that out of a stormy June, the twenty-first shone radiant.

It was a joyous morning in the Northwestern station in Chicago. As my laconic brother described the scene, "it was just lots of girls, just looking as though they were going somewhere." Go somewhere they did; they went to Madison to visit Psi, and to see the University of Wisconsin.

Psi rose early that day, for the Been Great players had much to do—they were to have a rehearsal before presenting their near-tragedy to the visitors. And Psi's house was to be open to guests from the neat east, and something had to be done with the forty trunks of departing girls and incoming summer-school students. So Psi prepared for one of the happiest events of her history, for we were all very happy at having the convention train stop in Madison.



CONVENTION SNAPS

With the exception, of course, of the cities that were later visited by the Theta Special, Madison is the most beautiful city in the country, and with the same exceptions, Wisconsin has the most beautiful university campus. Then with no exception has any institution anything like our Lathrop hall. And from the first Theta that met you at the station to the old hall clock of the playlet, and the anesthetic dancers, we were glad to have so many sisters see the beautiful surroundings of Psi.

The Special started out on its first night's journey at eleven. About half past four some energetic people rose and prepared to see the twin cities. At eight we reached Minneapolis, where our forces were strengthened and our Special lengthened by the cars from St. Louis and Kansas City. The plans for the day proceeded marvelously. We saw the chapter house, a big comfortable home, the campus, a beautiful woodland, set with fine buildings, the two cities, wonders of handsome streets and lake-jewelled parks.

(Here I'm just as far as Minneapolis, and the only adjectives left are *grand* and *dandy*.)

Alpha Gamma Delta was holding convention near Minneapolis, and at her courteous invitation, some of the Thetas saw the beautiful pageant of this sister organization.

After the busy day came dinner at the Hotel Leamington, the festivity increasing as acquaintance grew. Then the train again, with a good-night chorus of "Aren't we having the best time that ever was?"

Wednesday morning, and we were at Grand Forks. How interesting it was to see the clean, new city, and the thriving university, caring for the sons and daughters of this ambitious state. We had breakfast in the pleasant home of Phi Delta Theta, and as we scurried away to the train, we were each presented with a wee tile, made at the school of engineering. "Symbolic of Alpha Pi chapter," said some one, "every girl a brick."

Across the prairie we went, our one day on the train. It was a busy day, with committee meetings, song-fests, extension debates and nature-study. "Is that grass sage-brush?" and "Why are they called prairie-dogs if they're squirrels?" And by half-past five, Sarah Southall knew everybody aboard the train.

The next day, early, more business meetings and more chatter, with a growing feeling that we were approaching something. Then came the sad news that only one road was open in Glacier Park, and the warning that the porters intended to sleep all day, with the cars locked. Then we were at the station, where painted red-men danced and sang to give local color. We were much surprised to learn

that they were mostly Carlisle graduates, and we have not yet decided why they devote themselves to decorating the station and hotel at Glacier.

After exploring the hotel from roof views to swimming tank, there were two things to do: to go to St. Marys lake in a "Theta Jitney" or to ride on a pony to Mt. Henry. Either way, one went up into the mountains, and came down (as what goes up must do) and exhausted her vocabulary trying to tell what she had seen, for there were wonderful mountain views of blue-green lakes, white snow patches, and flower-carpeted of innumerable colors. I cast my lot with the horse-back riders, and for days afterward creaked with stiffness, but even so, it was quite worth while to have seen the other side of the mountain.

Back at the hotel, girls laid waste vast supplies of stationery, splashed in the tank, or watched the movies in the great forest lobby. Then the signal for return to the train sent us swiftly through a sudden shower to the familiar shelter of the Teton, Wanita, and the other cars.

Soon we were climbing the Great Divide. Huge sky-shouldering mountains were all about us, and around their peaks stormed the wind and rain. The grandeur of the sight kept us long awake, and we slept at last to dream of the gods quarrelling on Mt. Olympus.

The next morning we were creeping along the ridge-pole of the world, to descend cautiously for a stop at Scenic with its many sulphur springs, and then to hurry on to Spokane, and the Theta headquarters at the Hotel Davenport. Many new faces appeared among our throng that day. There were many small reunions about the hotel, when "old girls" from Spokane came to visit the convention party. This was the day that Martha Speakman sent six postals to one person.

We had dinner at the hotel at noon, with some speeches, clever and heartwarming. During the afternoon kindly automobiles took us about the pretty prosperous city and I hope everyone saw Spokane Falls, a foam-white little Niagara. Mr. Davenport of the hotel most hospitably served tea to the party, and from somewhere came marvelously tickets for all of us to see Marguerite Clarke at a nearby theater. As we went through the station, we were presented with boxes of great Bing cherries, and as the Kite asked, "If man was made to mourn, why are there three bites to an Oregon cherry?"

It was on Saturday, as we were nearing Seattle, that the best story of the journey had its origin. Before leaving the train, Josephine Glidden paused to enter some items in her account book, and the porter urged her to hurry. She put away her book, shook out her neck-ruff and put it on.

"I was just straightening my finances," she said.

The porter looked at her admiringly: "Well, miss," he said, "it am mighty pretty, now you got it on."

Were there any others, I wonder, whose finances hung about their necks at this stage of the journey?

Arriving at Seattle, we were decorated with roses, and hurried to a group of automobiles that took us all about the city, over many miles of fine streets, through the university grounds, around the beautiful lakes and along the sound. We saw, too, the big city-market, with its stalls of incredibly large vegetables and luscious fruit.

After supper and a brief breathing space at the Young Women's Christian association we embarked as guests of the Seattle Yacht club for an evening on the sound. While we cruised about, the sun went down and the moon came up, and ΔY and ΔB and several other organizations shone. In short, the evening was brilliantly successful, "a pleasant time being had by all."

We went back to the station, for the last night on the train and gathered for the last time in the big chair-car, so recently the gallery where Mrs. Whitcomb displayed the pictures of her children. Everybody sang, and many people, particularly Mary Heiskell, did stunts. When will that car again carry such a crew.

Sunday morning, Thetas of Alpha Xi joined us just after we entered Oregon and presented us with the fragrant tokens of the Rose City. Then we went sight-seeing, and out to the Waverly country club for dinner. The question for the afternoon was, "which city would you rather live in, Spokane, Seattle or Portland?"

At three we were again on the train, for the very last part of our travels. Westward along the Columbia, then south along the ocean, so we came at last to the pine woods and the white sand of Gearhart-by-the-Sea.

Never can we forget that week, which meant so much to each of us, not only in seeing the wonders of our country, but in the formation of new friendships. And of its value to us as fraternity members and of its value to the fraternity, let me repeat what I said at the convention.

"The value of combining seeing Theta first with seeing America first has been demonstrated. Our week on the train has made this a convention of unusual friendliness and good feeling. There was very little formality on the train; the small remnant vanished at our first encounter with the Gearhart crabs.

"I find that all about me, the girls who have traveled across the country on the Theta Special, have been newly and deeply impressed with the dignity of the fraternity as an international organization, local feeling has been lost, and above everything else, each girl

has come to feel the intangible beauty of Theta ideals. So she gains an increased loyalty to the fraternity, and in this gathering of noblest womanhood, she finds the truest sisterhood."

Hester Harper, Psi

ALPHA OMEGA OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA

The first week-end of December was an eventful one for many Thetas and for a group of girls at the University of Pittsburgh. It was away back last July that Kappa Alpha Theta in convention assembled granted a college charter to Pi Theta Nu at the University of Pittsburgh. Installation was delayed these five months, for various and sufficient reasons, including the late opening of "Pitt" and the wedding of our Grand president.

Four national officers were in charge of the installation, Mrs. Mecklin, Grand president, Mrs. Forde, Grand vice-president, Mrs. Overturn, president of District III, to which Alpha Omega will belong, and Miss Green, Grand secretary. They were ably assisted by the Pittsburgh alumnae chapter, a large delegation from Mu, and one delegate from Eta. That no delegates, from Alpha Gamma and Alpha Tau, the two other college chapters in the District, were able to be present was a keen disappointment to those chapters, whose members were kept at home by an unfortunate conflict of the date with vital college functions in their *alma maters*.

The ceremonies opened on the evening of December 2, when twenty-one alumnae and fourteen undergraduate members of Pi Theta Nu, were pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. The services were followed by an hour's happy "getting acquainted."

On Friday, December 3, the installing officers and Miss Agnes Smith, Mu, and Mrs. Jessamine De Haven Lewis, former president of the District, went early to the delightful home of Miss Mary Boss, Alpha Delta and Pittsburgh alumna, to prepare for the initiations, for which services this hospitable home had been loaned.

Early in the afternoon Thetas began to arrive in numbers and by three o'clock all was in readiness for the first candidates for initiation. The rest of the afternoon and the evening, after an hour's interlude for a friendly lunch, were given up to the initiating of the thirty-five new members of Kappa Alpha Theta.

On Saturday, December 4, at the Hotel Schenley occurred the installation services, followed directly by the installation luncheon. This was a very happy occasion, with ninety-three Thetas, representing sixteen different college chapters, gathered for an hour of feasting and sociability. At the close of the luncheon, Mrs. Leola Vancil Randall, Rho and Pittsburgh alumna, charmingly presided over the following programme.

Theta grace, Jessie Boulton Thorpe, Iota and Pittsburgh alumna.
Theta welcome, Mary Porter Boss, Alpha Delta and Pittsburgh alumna.

Theta affinity, Helen Frost, Alpha Omega.

Theta fraternity, Eugenie Rounsavell Overturf, president District III, Alpha Gamma and Columbus alumna.

Theta trinity, L. Pearle Green, Grand secretary, Phi.

Theta divinity, Hope Davis Mecklin, Grand president, Alpha Epsilon and Pittsburgh alumna.

The Thetas present on this occasion were:

Mu: Belle L. Pratt, Jessie A. Williams, Maud B. Moore, Josephine Bates Webb, Chloe Bartholomew MacLaren, Anna McConnell, Agnes E. Smith, Agnes Robinson, Katherine Illingworth, Katherine Adams McCune, Ethel J. Canfield, Jessamine De Haven Lewis, Isabel Clingensmith, Beulah M. Grauel, Bess M. Metcalf, Muza Anchors, Coral M. Lowe, Grace H. Miller, Ruth Townley, Ellen May Girsham, Lilian Fetzer, Janet Simcox, Sabra Vought, Mae Goff Smith, Ella D. Goff, Nelle Sherrel Seneff, Gertrude Simpson, Lottie Hammett, Blanche Taylor, Caryl M. Reynolds, Adelaide Singley.

Alpha Delta: Ida Evans Bixler, Alice Bennett Pollard, Mary Porter Boss, Anna M. Slease.

Epsilon: Helen McCulloch, Katherine West, Katherine McCulloch, Sarah J. Anderson.

Alpha Beta: Millo McCain Kehew, Helen Moore Lanphere, Elizabeth B. Miller Nevin.

Eta: Beatrice Lambrecht, Annie L. White Emley, Mary L. White Brown.

Alpha Epsilon: Hope Davis Mecklin, Josephine T. Sackett.

Alpha Gamma: Eugenie R. Overturf, Edith H. Hipple.

Iota: Jessie Boulton Thorp, Sadie Boulton Eidlitz.

Zeta: Gladys McVay Skinner.

Kappa: Hazel Allison Forde.

Rho: Leola Vancil Randall.

Phi: L. Pearle Green.

Chi: Grace Ramsey Davis.

Alpha Pi: E. Gertrude Skinner.

Alpha Upsilon: Helen Tillotson.

Alpha Omega: Cecile J. Boyd, Helene G. Reed, Carrie B. McClarren, Hazel G. Keffer, Louise Borland, Helen Frost, Carolyn E. Farrar, Gretchen B. Buske, Bertha Ortmann, Katherine Jordan, Jennie Thompson, Matilda Moldenhauer, Helen P. Bowman, Katherine Mulheim, Mabel Love, Eleanor G. Spangler, Marie Munroe, Anna Roessle, Louise Culley, Helen MacLeod, Helen Schoneck, Naomi Brand, Ellen Koch, Jane Fisher, Frances Foulke, Jean Don-

aldson, Mary Fisher, Verstine Finley, Marion Lindsay, Esther M. Williams, Zella Chambers, Agnes Willis, Ruth Harvey, Brenda Wright, Anna Lora Hopkins, all charter members.

On Saturday evening at the Twentieth century club house, Alpha Omega and Pittsburgh alumnae chapters gave a reception at which the visiting Thetas were introduced to some four hundred Pittsburgh friends of the two chapters. The formal reception was followed by informal dancing and the evening was a most delightful climax to the festivities.

On Sunday various conferences and the first chapter meeting, under the able leadership of Mrs. Forde, Grand vice-president, were held. The installing officers, and some members of Pittsburgh alumnae were the supper guests of Dr. Goff and Mrs. Mae Goff Smith at their home in Bellevue.

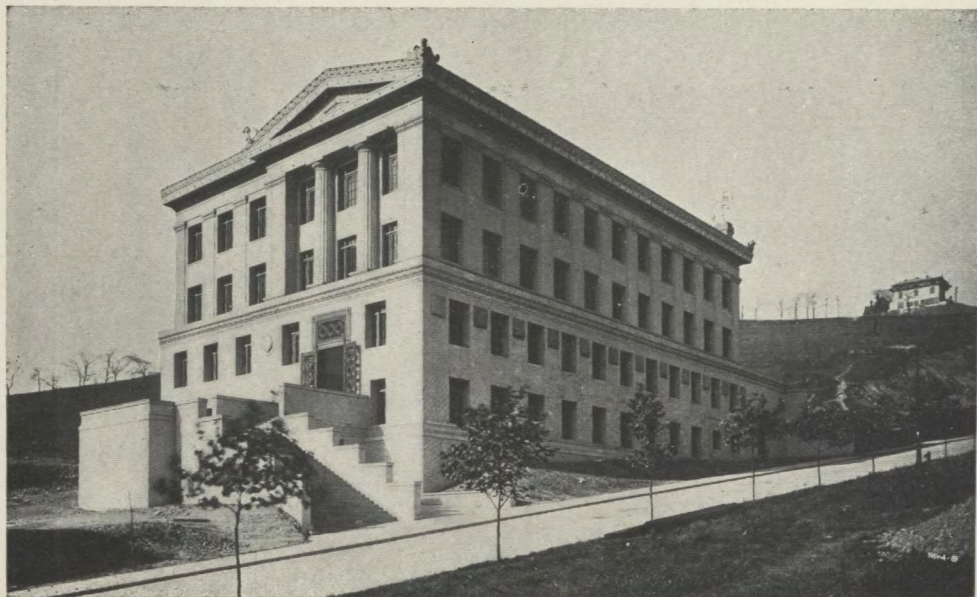
These days of formal installation were full of Theta spirit and inspiration. The faithful, able work of Pittsburgh alumnae chapter made the last preparations very simple; while the very efficient way in which Alpha Omega managed her part in preparations argues well for the future of Theta in the University of Pittsburgh.

But the festivities were not yet over. On Monday, Mrs. Frost, mother of Helen Frost, president of Alpha Omega, gave a friendly luncheon for the installing officers and Mrs. McCormick, wife of the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, entertained the Thetas of Pittsburgh and their guests at a delightful tea. This day closed with further conferences with newly elected chapter officers and installing officers. These, however, did not have to be as extensive as usual because Mrs. Mecklin is to be a near neighbor to the chapter house, and so able to help as new problems arise. Then on Tuesday the Beta Omicron, local, entertained at a tea for visiting Thetas and the new chapter. Pittsburgh hospitality is quite Southern, for invitation after invitation came in for the rest of the month, and only stern duty took the visitors away from all this gracious courtesy which goes to prove how many real friends Alpha Omega has and how much opportunity is hers.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Since we are now really truly sisters of all other Thetas throughout the United States we wish you to know something more about the university in which the youngest chapter expects to uphold Theta dignity.

The university is fast becoming just as much a woman's college as a man's. In this past year alone, there has been an increase of from 250 regular women students to 410. Besides these there are about an equal number of special students enrolled. The total enrollment



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ALPHA OMEGA HOME



ALPHA OMEGA

for this year, exclusive of extension work, numbers 3752 against 3418 for the year of 1914-15. Including extension workers the number would easily swell to 4200.

The college department of the university was founded under the name of the Pittsburgh academy in 1787 and is thus the oldest institution of learning west of the Allegheny mountains with the exception of the University of Nashville. In 1819 the name was changed to the Western University of Pennsylvania and the charter was enlarged to provide for all the functions of a university. From time to time hereafter other schools were added or affiliated—engineering, mines, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, Allegheny observatory, and graduate schools. In 1908 the name was again changed to the more comprehensive one of the University of Pittsburgh and the institution was moved to its new campus of forty-three acres in Schenley Farms, the educational center of Pittsburgh. Surrounding or near by us now are the best influences that the city can offer for educational advancement. Just next door to us, so to speak, the Schenley park is situated, which provides drives, golf courses, tennis courts and charming picnic spots; within the park also is the Phipp's conservatory, which shows continually many botanical specimens. Adjoining the park is the Carnegie institute of technology; the original Carnegie library, a great help indeed to our students with its libraries, museum, art, architecture and sculpture halls, and concert hall, where our Glee club concerts are given. Equally close by is the Schenley hotel, where many of the college festivities take place. Just across the boulevard stands our beautiful Soldiers' memorial hall of grey stone, modeled on but larger than Grant's tomb of New York. Here the weekly chapel is held. It would never do to omit Forbes' field, the scene of our football victories, when every one of the 30,000 seats was occupied and standing room sold. Among the remaining buildings in the environs are the Athletic association, University, and Twentieth century clubs; a new million and a quarter dollar high school, the Schenley theater, where our Cap and Gown club performances take place, and churches of varied denominations. Let us view the sight, rather inadequately drawn by this scattered description, that reveals itself from the top of our university hill, where the sign *Pitt* nightly discloses the location of the university. Seeming to wish to further consolidate these different forces, the best resident portion of the city extends outwards while on the other side lies the busy city-life of Oakland, only a continuation of the business portion of the city proper.

At the present time seven schools are represented upon the campus. Since the occupation of the new campus, the schools of Economics and of Education have been added; and the Mellon institute of

industrial research created and fittingly installed in a well-equipped building. While all the schools are open to women, the College and School of Education claim the majority. Some more courageous pursue courses in medicine, dentistry or economics, a course which aims to fit its graduates for a business career. In the School of education in addition to an A.B. or B.S. degree a bachelor's diploma in education is offered. This school aims to provide able teachers, experienced in some one of its courses—household economy, art, kindergarten, physical training, or academic work.

The phenomenal growth from 93 students in 1890 to 3752 in 1915 could not well be foreseen. Although the best situation available for a university has been secured and by means of appropriations and donations, seven permanent, and several temporary buildings, have already been erected in the past eight years, the student body is over-crowded in its present quarters. This year, however, we hope to see the erection of our promised and much-needed student building. We have already a splendid gymnasium building and swimming pool.

Each year witnesses greater zest and enthusiasm upon the part of the women students in university affairs. Women are elected to the *Senate*, the student governing body, and uphold their end of the duties entailed as well as the men. This year a girl is the manager from the college on the *Owl* board, the annual junior class publication. Several girls contribute to the columns of the *Pitt Weekly*, our weekly newspaper. About fifty per cent of the women students are interested in the Young Women's Christian association; many take active part in settlement or playground work throughout the city. Last year saw the organization of a Girls' glee club and a new dramatic club, the Pitt players, in which the girls take an active interest. It aims to produce what is best in the dramatic world. The first girls' basketball team last year won all but one game out of the season with neighboring colleges and high schools. Not least important is the Pitkin club, a missionary study club, whose members intend to give their lives to foreign mission work. In order to unite the girls and make their influence more appreciable in the university the whole student-body of women banded together in the Women's activities association. This association looks after all the interests of the women students and provides means for and manages all the social good-times given by the girls of the college as a whole. The association's executive committee, equally representing fraternity and nonfraternity girls, forms the student government council. Through the untiring work of the executive committee a room in each of two of the university buildings has been obtained and furnished as a rest room for the girls between their classes.

Once in each semester a coed dance is given in the gymnasium. Last year a most memorable girls' masquerade ball was given to welcome the new students. The upperclassmen, attired in dress suits, escorted the freshmen, filled their programs for them and led like real men. I might say now that all of the upperclassmen work together very friendly in welcoming the new girls. Through the auspices of the Women's activities association older students are present in the offices to help the freshmen through registration week. Always one party and often more is given to draw the new students into the spirit of the university.

As a precedent, last spring, a May Day festival was celebrated. A girl from the senior class, who is now a Theta, was chosen Queen. Following the coronation, a program of folk and æsthetic dances was rendered, ending with a May-pole dance.

AN APPRECIATION

No one who enjoyed the trip of the "Theta Special" last June will have to be reminded of its joys, and those who were unable to go will never quite realize their loss, for the Theta trips are unique and strictly "nontransferable," except in a very meager fashion. We who were so fortunate as to go with the convention party may rhapsodize never so eloquently, but we can never make the stay-at-home know the full measure of our pleasure and profit.

The journey was a delight from beginning to end, and for a variety of reasons. Every thing and every person concerned seemed to conspire to make the physical attractiveness complete, and how they succeeded! And yet I wonder if you won't agree with me that the finest, most lasting advantage of the whole experience was not just the scenery, or the hospitality, or the comfort of the train service, but a mingling of all these elements with the broadening effect of so distinct a widening of our Theta circle, by acquaintance with so many more of our sisterhood.

Truly I believe that the benefit which will reach farthest is the realization which must have come to everyone on that special train, that we are a big organization all of whose parts correlate closely and harmoniously, that we are trying to do big things in a big way, and that the broad mind of our intentions should command breadth of spirit from each and every woman in our membership.

THE PASSING OF ALPHA ZETA

A chain of silver hearts lies on the desk beside this farewell word from Alpha Zeta, and as we finger its shining links memories countless in number and rich in tenderness flash out their message from the by-gone days. Seventeen years of cherished intimacy—soul-rack-

ing, soul-building, soul-satisfying; one hundred and two sparkling pledges of life by Theta's laws: six we lift tenderly, marvelling that they so soon were called to view life's mysteries face to face.

How short a time since Theta's infancy at Barnard, when we dashed down the halls and behind the token of the Kite to snatch a moment's chatter between classes: how vivid the dear perplexities of maintaining our very own apartment down town, which followed—and in more recent years the lovely hospitality of homes opened wide to a houseless chapter—each setting adding its peculiar touch of intimacy and compensation as we stood hand in hand, a living chain of Theta fellowship.

What that communion meant to Alpha Zeta in particular stands out most clearly from the crowding memories, as do always the brave six whose perseverance won for us and whose never-failing courage and counsel maintained with us the privileges of Thetahood. Theirs in heroic proportions were the special principles accepted and nourished by Alpha Zeta through her goodly years; within the chapter, congeniality and the strongest bond of comradeship; without the chapter, fair play and the balance of power rather than political or social self-seeking—and everywhere, within and without, the wish to express graciousness of heart as the glory of womanhood.

Against the background of the years these things—to all within the circle and to many without—stand as Alpha Zeta's conscious care, her special contribution to the college world surrounding her. I count it no mean training to inspire among women an ideal of fellowship that shall withstand to the last the inroads of discouragement, of clashing temperaments, of deadly humdrum of ways and means, and of financial pressure such as any chapter in a metropolis must face: an ideal that is content to spread its greatest influence for good serenely and quietly, with no seeking of official power; that stands first and last for the graciousness of heart and manner so often blighted by the more stern virtues of so-called "higher" education. The retirement of many such groups, each acting for the greatest good according to its particular interpretation, and even by their variations more closely approaching the perfect good—can hardly take place, it would seem, without an evident drop in the vitality of the institution of which they have been a part. Whether those in the opposing majority, who see with other eyes, will ever make a different appraisal of these activities, only time and perseverance can prove. Even so soon, the Dean, a firm friend and gentle diplomat, in her recent report, deplores something vital missing in the social atmosphere and suggests a reconsideration of the fraternity question. Meanwhile, with hope never quite dead, we stand on guard, five

valiant Thetas teaching within the Barnard portals, Alpha Zeta club just outside the threshold, Alpha Zeta's fast-proved chain unbroken, Theta's altar fires glowing always in our hearts.

May Amerman Johnson

WHO'S WHO IN THETA

HOPE DAVIS MECKLIN, *Alpha Epsilon*

A.B. Brown 1906

Hope Davis, Grand president of Kappa Alpha Theta, and Professor John Moffatt Mecklin of the University of Pittsburgh, were married on Saturday evening, November 13, at the home of Mrs. Robert Wilcox Sayles (Adelaide Burton, Alpha Epsilon '01), the bride's cousin, in Brookline, Massachusetts. The bride was attended by little Miss Deborah Sayles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sayles, as maid-of-honor, and by her two brothers, Messrs. F. P. Davis and R. G. Davis, Jr. of Providence, as ushers. The best man was Professor Frederick B. Peck of Lafayette college.

After January the seventeenth, nineteen-hundred-sixteen, Professor and Mrs. Mecklin will be at home at the King Edward apartments, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They have the hearty good wishes of Theta all through the country.

STELLA SCOTT VAUGHN, *Alpha Eta*

A.B. Vanderbilt

Miss Stella Scott Vaughn has recently been appointed one of the three women advisers of Vanderbilt university. The Vanderbilt girls are not surprised at this honor, for they have always considered "Miss Stella" their adviser.

In Alpha Eta chapter her advice is sought upon every question from the very grave decision of whether there should be tea or hot chocolate for lunch to the most intricate problems of diplomacy; from the planning of a nutting trip—to the building of a chapter house!

As "gym" instructor for the girls, she is always full of energy and enthusiasm, and Miss Stella's team wins!

In the Vanderbilt Sunday school class all women students meet in a common sisterhood and work together under the beautiful influence of Miss Stella as their teacher.

But it is not only the girl interested in Sunday school, or the athletic girl, or her Theta sister, who loves Miss Stella, but every Vanderbilt girl feels that she is her friend. Although she is constantly at work she is never too busy to help the girl who needs her.

Miss Stella is fair in her estimate of new girls and the old girls know that they are loyally and reverently kept in her memory!

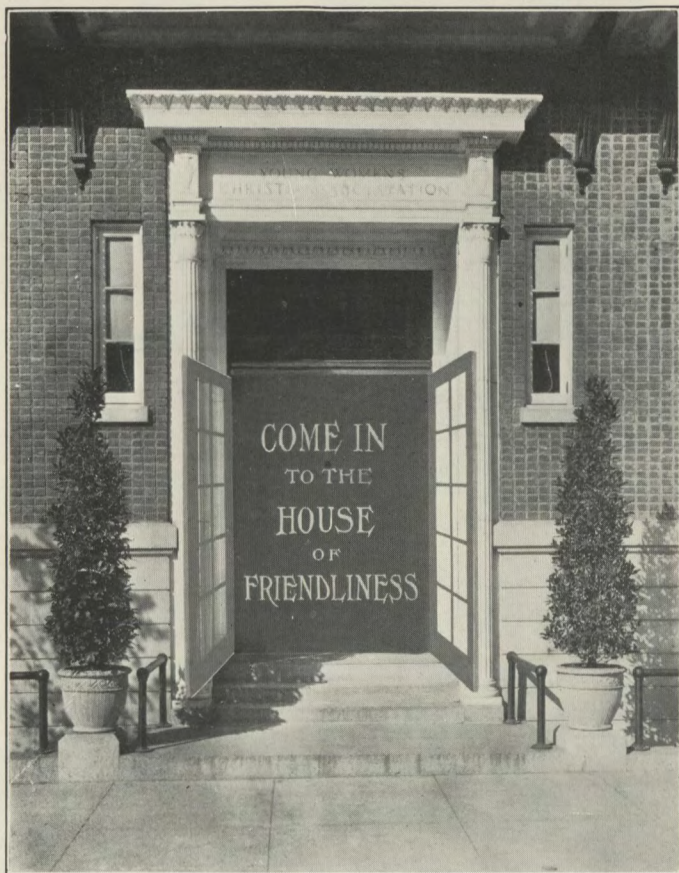
A COLLEGE WOMAN'S OPPORTUNITY IN A CITY ASSOCIATION

Any young woman with ideas and ideals wants to do something that will count for some kind of good and help this world and its people along if it's only a crack ahead. And any girl with energy wants to know that what she does do, really gets somewhere. Well do I remember the first time I broke into "settlement work" as all social work of any sort was called. They set me at counting cards for a little library of very grubby books which some equally grubby little foreign children took out and in. I couldn't see how that was "settlement work" and especially could I not see that it was doing good to anybody and that it was worth the half day and long street-car ride in all sorts of weather it took to do it. But that was just about all the opening my eyes had got. I was looking through the small end of the glasses only.

If I had that job *now*! Each little boy and girl would be a *living person* with a family and a home behind him and a life of infinite possibilities ahead! To get acquainted, to get them to *like* me, to *be* something that would call out their genuine childish admiration, to get invited to visit them or to play with them just as beloved "teacher" is—to share up on all the things I had as a matter of course because I happened to be born into the particular home I was—to become a friend in the truest sense of that splendid word—that was an opportunity of a lifetime, only I really was too green to sense it! If I had read only a little, if I had taken the trouble to get ready for it, to see what it was people who knew actually did, to catch a glimmer of what it was all about—"things w'uld hev' ben difrunt" for me and perhaps for those boys and girls too! There lies the pity of unseen opportunities, of untaken chances. What you lose you lose for the other people! But I know quite well that had anyone showed me where my work could count I would have stuck.

"To know is to care, and to care is to work, and to work is to sacrifice." Yes, and I would add to that, to care and know is to work joyously with sacrifice! I do not believe one can permanently *care* unless one *knows*. If you don't *know* the problem wherewith you would deal, the misery the existence of them makes *for people* because they are allowed to remain on the "problem" shelf, it's odds against you that whatever you are set doing will fail to have any meaning and so any importance for you. And it won't be long before you will decide that you really weren't "built for a philanthropic career" after all.

There is so much to do that any person with half a brain, if only she has a whole heart, who goes at her stunt *progressively* can be



serviceable. If she approaches it with the determination of all the time *learning* more about the big things underneath, whatever she does will count. The realm of opportunity for social helping in our big national house-keeping is broad. And yet there is no particular form of efforts, organization of efforts if you will, which offers itself to a college woman more universally, in so many different spots in so many different communities, except it be the school, the libraries, or the church, as the Young Women's Christian association. It is always to be found back home. In big cities or small ones, in towns and now also in the country itself is some form of this national Christian organization. If you don't find it there you can get it there. That is the beauty of its being a national one.

The city variety of a Young Women's Christian association is a highly organized, many sided kind of a proposition. It is safe to say that no one unassisted can get to the bottom of all that a city association actually does in a year of visits to "the building." You have to sit down with somebody who *knows* and invite her to just tell you what is going on and what it's all about. And at that you'll require an extra session. It wasn't my idea in this short article to try to describe one either. But I do want to describe some of the places where this association in a city uses college women who have the determination to "stick." And to tell you that the work and influence radiating from it, is worthy of all you can put into it, and that college women are needed.

First there is membership. Membership! What is there in that? To be a member and an intelligent one takes quite a bit of anybody's time. Because the organization is *meant* to be a democracy and to be run by, as well as for its members. Now where it actually isn't, it is because the members aren't being members at all. Only "bargain hunter" members as one man put it of this sort of an organization. Pay your dollar and see what you can get for it, is no sort of principle for growing a democracy. As a matter of fact this organization stands for some pretty clear cut, sharply significant ideals and a member who is *being* a member has a road ahead to travel, as well as work at hand to do.

If you are ready to invest your time concentratedly for a money wage, in return the Young Women's Christian association offers positions with salaries attached for about every bent of interest that touches the life of girls and women, and almost every type of mind, provided only the mind is capable of making good on its own type. The one universal requirement is that the interest must be essentially *human* and the mind capable of thinking *straight*. Mental honesty, the will to face things and facts and conditions as they *are* and a genuine love of people as people make you eligible for a position.

Executive of a big industrial organization, leader of a democratic one, club secretary, industrial work, religious work, employment and vocational guidance, immigration and foreign community work, girls' worker, community worker, teacher of all sorts of subjects, gymnasium and play director, house manager, business manager, student secretary, country community secretary The list lengthens and lengthens, and covers positions stationed in all sorts of communities, and positions on traveling staffs of the eleven national field committees and the headquarters staff. Anybody anywhere can find out about all this by writing to the National board headquarters which is known from coast to coast as "600 Lexington." That means 600 Lexington avenue, New York city. Right now there are some eighteen hundred women of college education and its equivalent who are proud to belong to the "Employed officers association" of this Young Women's Christian association. They are continually stepping off into matrimony, however, and pursuing their work as committee members and board members, so there is lots of room. More workers are needed every year because the organization is multiplying itself at an astonishing rate.

But it's the people who cannot or won't, the "won't" being put in by the family, invest their time and abilities in work that earns an income, to whom this article is especially addressed. For workers who will work and forgetting they are "volunteers" will go at their jobs with the loyalty of "regulars," there is always demand.

To be a member of a committee, which is responsible, say for the plans which promote the splendid clubs and federations of clubs which young women of industry are running, and sit and hear what some fine energetic young woman no older than yourself is doing through them, is not as much fun, to be sure, as yourself being that young woman and doing that work. But as a committee member you have the chance to show your power for team work in helping on that secretary and that work to the utmost. Work on a committee of any sort is not to be sniffed at. There is a college woman who is chairman of the Industrial department in a big mining town. She has made a survey of the economic conditions of her city, has studied the industrial problems from the girls' own standpoint and in doing it has become an authority on social problems of that region. Another girl is chairman in a big western city. Through the work in industrial clubs she began to discover that there was a huge chunk of the population which nobody knew anything about and everyone, city officials, churches and social workers, completely ignored. She started with her committee to find out some facts. She found that foreign people had been coming to the city in a steady and increasing stream for some five years back. Before she knew it she became so deeply inter-

ested that she set out to make a scientific study of the situation. The result is going to be work in foreign communities by the Young Women's Christian association, city night schools open for foreigners, Italian, Polish, Hungarian books in the public libraries, and a series of lectures in a school for social workers.

Now it must be remembered that we are all working for exactly the same things—better *people*, better *life* for people, fairer opportunities at every point, which means better work, better conditions of work, better pay for work, better houses, better schools, better churches, better cities, better government! And it means justice, real democracy in work as well as in government, and more of the kind of religion which acts as the power current which irresistibly draws men and women to the Best and keeps them true to the Best.

And there are as many different ways by which one may work for this end as there are people with ideas. One way is to fight against abuses, to stamp out injustices, to win the force of law, to compel men to stop doing that which is crushing out the souls of other men. Another is to produce facts which compel attention to the sure results in human lives of conditions which now are permitted to prevail. Another is "educational," which means to everlastingly spread abroad the *idea* that things are wrong and can be righted. Ideas are dynamic in themselves. If people can only be exposed to a great *idea* something happens to them which they can't help. That is one reason why the mere study of the Bible, whatever your faith or lack of any may be, does things to you. It exposes you to the greatest ideas that ever got started down the centuries. And still another way is to work among *people* themselves. It is my belief that none of the ways are effectual if they get far from people themselves. And on the other hand, this working with and among people themselves is very limited unless the other big collective, "social" ways, are to go with it.

But some people possess special aptitude for working at the big collective problems and others for working with and for people direct. The fascinating thing about working in a settlement and a city Young Women's Christian association is that one has every chance to know and work among *people*. To be the leader of a club is worth a college education. A club of girls whose outlook on life is different than your own, because their opportunities have been less, opens the chance to give all that you have had which they have not. The giving won't be all on your side, however. Far from it! Or a leader of a younger girls' club. School girls, high school girls, young girls just out at work because their folks cannot afford to let them go on in school offers the right club leader work which is as truly creative as if she had been asked to paint a picture.

Suppose, however, that you are the kind of person who believes she couldn't possibly manage to any good result a group of bubbly or wild young girls, or a club of clear headed, outspoken young women who take pride in the fact that they earn their own living in shop or factory and are interested in the great labor movement and may consider you with some pity or else with envy, because you "do nothing" as it seems to them. Then you can join the group of members whom the association is now increasingly depending on for friendly visiting. Everybody knows what it means to strange or lonely girls to have some person who "belongs" to the place take the trouble to come and make a friendly call.

One southern city has a big employment agency. Their members pledge themselves to report at a certain hour each week. And they, under direction, investigate in the same way a regular state investigator would and make reports on regular schedules which are becoming of immeasurable value to the various social agencies in the city. Also another group of people who have the "friendly" gift are continually calling on girls at their boarding houses and also in their own homes. Another city in the East has sectioned off their entire town and have it so planned that every girl will have received a call by the end of the year. The point of much of the calling is simply that the association is really meant for everybody to use and comparatively few women actually understand that. But a great deal of real need for companionship and protection and "big sistering" has been discovered by this quiet visiting.

Any person with a talent in music, in dramatics, in getting up parties, in leading study classes either in one of the artistically written Bible courses of which there are so many in print today, or in problems of the day in our own country or any other corner of the globe, or in parliamentary procedure, or in any of a host of things which college women have at their finger ends, will be whisked into a job before she has a chance to explain that she really couldn't manage a club.

And then there are the "piece work" jobs, which vary from simply minding the telephone and playing hostess to all comers in the lobby, to attending a court hearing where some girl is concerned and it needs to be shown to the "gentlemen of the jury" that *somebody* cares, or dashing off in a taxi to get somebody to a hospital, or to meet somebody at a train, or to help get a marriage license! The "piece workers" provide a most important force to the busy staff of "regulars." You pledge yourself to report for duty at a certain hour of a certain day and to stick at it for an agreed length of time and you keep that appointment as you do an expensive music lesson or a specialized dentist who is going to charge you for every minute! And the secretaries see that you are kept busy all right.

But this is only half. It is truly a wonderful thing that the way to attract the real sort of American girl is to show her what she can *do* to help. She doesn't come half so quick if you only show her what she gets out of it. A college woman *gets* a whole lot, whether she gives very much or not. Sometimes it seems as if a college girl could get more than others because the association is so strongly tintured with the flavor of college life. There is the same sort of spirit. Girls who have not been able to go to college find there the echo of what they have missed. Athletics, joyous spirit of rivalry in games, club spirit, which is the little sister of the college spirit, circuses, plays, fun of all sorts that you create and run yourself, the luxury of managing things for yourself which college is so full of and not every girl finds at home when she gets back there. She promptly gets managed and doesn't realize what it is that makes her unhappy. The chance for steady, continuous mental growth which is the thing beyond all else which gives the zest to college experience, and the subtle but sure spiritual growth without which life, no matter how comfortable and well amused, is bound to get grayer and grow flat and stale.

And then there is one other thing and it is this: the majority of men and women who go to college step out of comparatively well-guarded lives into another circumscribed and rather rarified atmosphere which is college. All the classroom and library education they can absorb can not make up the experience of stepping clear out from their up-bringing environment into worlds wholly different. Too many college people go through life believing that as go the college men and women, so must go the world. Today that belief is being challenged. After college one's mental energies must continue at tension—or all the screws imperceptibly loosen up. Nobody stands still. To get into contact with other kinds of people, with other conditions of life, with other "levels" of thought than our own, is the surest way of pursuing one's education into life. A city Young Women's Christian association can be the "commons" wherein girls and women of all different environments can rub elbows in crowds, and through work and play together learn to know each other. To really know other worlds than your own is what it is to be educated.

Y. W. C. A. National Jubilee Committee

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Work with Hospital Children

AT present Eta is actively interested in teaching children in the university, or state, hospital. We have special charge of two little girls, Sarah McCrumb and Marjorie Griffin, both in the women's medical, who have been there for several months and expect to be there for some time to come. Eleven of us go to the hospital on different days, and teach different subjects. For instance, our little Marjorie was in the eighth grade when she left school and is now being taught American history, algebra, grammar, and spelling. She certainly looks forward to the girls' coming up, for she is flat on her back all of the time. She is very bright and eager to learn. We often read them stories when their lessons are finished. Both of these girls have drawing lessons which they enjoy very much.

Doris Porter has a class of five boys, one of whom is a Pole, twenty years old, who cannot read or write in English. Just now he is learning the alphabet in English.

Miss Borrowoughs, the social director at the hospital, is delighted with our work and says we are her standby.

Marguerite Risedorpf

Washington's Trade-Dinners

THERE is a widespread epidemic among the Greek women at Washington this year—the getting-sacquainted fever. It started in Panhellenic, and we are proud to say, that the first case, which at once proved contagious and spread through the whole association, was that of Martha Davis, Theta's junior representative.

Immediately upon exposure the other representatives developed such symptoms as—

"We *don't* know each other's girls, do we?"

"No, and we are all Greek; we should learn to work together. We may have to fight for our lives some day at Washington; we should be more united."

"Our freshmen have asked to meet the other groups."

And so on, but it took fully developed cases to make possible the plan which is now working so beautifully at the "U. of W." and by the second meeting of the year the whole Greek world had the fever and everyone was enthusiastically ready to support any social arrangement by which we might truly know each other. This is the plan: Every two weeks on Wednesday night each fraternity sends six girls to some other house for dinner, and entertains six guests at her own chapter lodge. The girls are to dress simply, preferably

in Peter Thompsons. Between courses everyone joins in on the college songs and after dinner we roll the rugs back and dance until seven-thirty, when we all go home to work out our next day's salvation, refreshed by the pleasant companionship, and better prepared for the hard evening study by the little outing.

The mechanical part of "who goes where" has been thoroughly worked out by a committee in Panhellenic, and according to their programme, every fraternity will entertain, and be entertained by every other fraternity on the campus before summer vacation.

Already there seems to be a new spirit of democracy and of the larger sisterhood, shown in the college halls and bred by the influence of our jelly trade-dinners, and it has occurred to me to wish that Washington's getting acquainted fever might become a national epidemic!

Lucie Wellington Morton '17

Courtesy Exchange

IN SEPTEMBER 1915 Delta received a letter from Mr. Hamilton Douglas, jr. a Sigma Chi living in Atlanta, Georgia, reporting that he had found a Kappa Alpha Theta badge displayed in an Atlanta pawn shop, that he had purchased the same, and found it engraved "J. M. Green, Delta, September 7, 1897."

The chapter immediately sent a check to Mr. Douglas for the amount he had paid for the badge and communicated with Miss Green. Miss Green promptly reimbursed the chapter and was delighted to again have her badge which disappeared from a hotel when she was staying in Atlanta seven years ago. The mystery is, where was the badge all those seven years?

AT the National Panhellenic congress in August 1915, Miss Mary McLeod, Exchange editor of Sigma Kappa, told our Grand secretary that a friend of hers living in Salt Lake City had written her that she had seen a Kappa Alpha Theta badge in a Salt Lake City pawn shop. Miss McLeod offered to purchase the badge through her friend. This kind offer was accepted and some weeks later the badge was in the possession of the Grand secretary. The name engraved on the back is "Florence M. Brown, Psi," and Miss Brown, now Mrs. Leon Batchelor, has back the badge lost (or stolen from her) six years ago.

A Message

WE, the delegates of the Canadian chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, find that by our vote in convention, we have subscribed to the Women's peace party, without fully realizing its significance. No opportunity was given us of discussing the matter with our chapters before convention. Since our return, however, we have considered

the question fully in both college and alumnae chapters, and they unanimously agree with us in the following statement.

We are strongly opposed to the general tenor of the Women's peace movement, and in particular to certain clauses of the preamble and platform. As subjects of a nation at present engaged in a war, the issues of which are not yet decided, we consider that a conference of neutral nations, called in the interest of an early peace, would be both futile and inopportune. Especially do we take exception to the statement that "planned-for legalized human slaughter is today the sum of all villainies," for we believe that circumstances may arise in which war is more honorable than peace. We are convinced that such circumstances have arisen in our case and warmly participate in the national spirit, as expressed by the king; "We are fighting for a worthy purpose and shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been achieved."

Marjorie Ross, Sigma

Mary Beatrice Millman, Sigma and Toronto alumna

NOTICES

THE New York alumnae chapter wishes to renew its invitation to new Theta residents of greater New York to avail themselves of its local service bureau. Addresses of suitable boarding places, shops, dressmakers, and many other needs of the stranger are on file for the conveniences of Theta. The committee chairman is Mrs. Edwin Johnson, 302 Central Park West, telephone, 3175 or 3176 River.

The meetings of Topeka alumnae for 1916 will be held the first Saturday of each month at the homes of the members. Any Theta in the city at that time may call Helen Estey, 819 Harrison, for place of meeting.

Miss Stella Scott Vaughn, 2212 Highland ave. Nashville, Tenn., has the following numbers of our Journal to give away to any chapter which will pay transportation charges:

Volume 19, number 2.

Volume 21, numbers 2, 3, 4.

Volume 22, numbers 1 (three copies) 2, 3.

Volume 24, number 3.

Volume 26, numbers 1 (three copies), 2 (three copies), 3 (two copies), 4.

The new catalogue will, if possible, appear as the March issue of our magazine. If copy can not be prepared by that time, it will be substituted for the May issue. In order to help along the catalogue plans, will each reader (exclusive of active members of college chapters) see if her address on the wrapper of this issue is the one that should go in the catalogue? If it is not your permanent address, or if it is incorrect in any respect, please send the proper address to the Editor TODAY.

WHAT A NEW CHAPTER THINKS OF US

Do you remember the first college meeting you attended as a freshman? How you expected to be criticized by the upperclassmen from the style of your hair to the shine of your shoes? Well, this is the same feeling of self-consciousness which besets a new chapter on the verge of making its first bow before a convention.

What is a convention like? What does every one have to do? Must each person make a speech? These and many such queries are asked by that unfortunate mortal, the youthful chapter's delegate, in her anxiety to become an efficient representative. Dread at meeting the more sophisticated chapters, confident and assured by their years of experience, makes the newcomer quake with the thought of the amateurishness of her prospective behavior. Oh, the tragedy of being on the tail end of the chapter roll instead of heading it!

The entire chapter exerts itself in an effort to prepare its representative for the coming ordeal. Each member brings her contribution to the traveler's outfit. One comes armed with Baird's *Manual*, for surely this will look very imposing resting on the delegate's table at convention. A second offers her black and gold zebra stripe coat as this will indeed impress the Grand council, with the Theta spirit of the wearer. Another insists that the delegate take the *Dictionary of familiar quotations*, as by frequently referring to this volume she may learn passages which will give a scholarly tone to her conversation. At last, thus burdened, the chosen member leaves the chapter house.

But here endeth the period of anticipation and the scene shifts from the chapter house to the bustling scene of the gathering of Thetas for the special train. Kites, kites are everywhere and grips are given at every turn. Everyone speaks to Miss *New Chapter* just as if she were an old conventionite. And glory of glories, no one has cast a disapproving glance at her manner of walking! This is going to be a pleasant trip! Once on the train, it becomes pleasanter. There is a wonderful feeling of exhilaration which comes with the realization that the hundreds of people gathered here are all moved by the same spirit and that they all uphold the same ideals. The hospitality of each chapter which is visited is a revelation in the spirit of nationalism. Each of these chapter houses is a home for every Theta. She does not enter it as a stranger but she meets her sisters on the common ground of like interests and greets them with the well-known grip. And so the experiences run the entire scale of thrills until the highest note of joy is reached at convention. Here, the hopes and aims of every chapter have their expression. Here is the place for the individual expression of each and every one—even of the new chap-

ters. Every one can contribute something to the common cause. Every suggestion is worth making even if the time is not yet ripe for its acceptance. The Grand council is there to aid the chapters in their work, to listen to their plans and encourage their progress; in truth they are the *Big Sisters* of the horde of Thetas. Finally, the entire plan of this happy gathering seems to be for each one to give her best and to receive the best of the others in return. As a happy culmination to the realization of convention comes the thought that the Theta self developed here can live forever.

Addle Drouet, Alpha Phi

THETA SERVICE BOARD

The Service board has now the following alumnæ advisers, two being added to last year's list:

Domestic science—Mrs. Gertrude Simons Beardsley.

Manuscript criticism:

Dramas and plays—Miss Abbie Findlay Potts.

Essays and articles—Miss Catherine Comfort.

Fiction—Mrs. George Fitch (Clara Lynn Fitch).

Nature study for children—Mrs. P. L. Windsor (Margaret Boynton Windsor).

Newspaper work—Mrs. Albert Rabb (Kate Milner Rabb).

Physical education and recreation work—Miss Maude Cleveland.

Profession of law—Mrs. George Whitcomb (Jessie Wright Whitcomb).

Secretary work—Mrs. Eleanor Karsten, Miss Gertrude Allen.

Social service—Miss Edna Henry.

Theatrical profession—Miss Mary Ward Holton.

Miss Lera C. Avison, Artesian, South Dakota, chairman of the committee on foreign lands, would be grateful for any information and addresses of Thetas scattered over the world. If a Theta is contemplating a trip to any foreign land she is asked to communicate with Miss Avison in order that she may get in touch with any Thetas residing there, to their mutual benefit.

A new department is now open. Is there some point in Theta history that you need explained? Is the time of some important legislation doubtful? Aren't there many things you wish to know about yourselves, anyway, even if they happened before you were born Thetas? If so, here is the place to settle all such difficulties—The Theta Information Bureau for Alumnæ. All inquiries are to be sent to Miss Clara E. Fanning, 1107 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a stamped envelope enclosed for the reply which is sure to be accurate.

The Service board wishes to live up to its name and be of as much use as possible to all Thetas. Any suggestions for work and offers of help will be gratefully received. There is now no registration nor membership fee, but all communications may be sent to Miss Laura R. Sherman, 34 Gilmore street, Providence, Rhode Island.

IN MEMORIAM

Alpha lost one of her most beautiful characters when Elma Hawthorne '14 left us on November 10, 1915, in her home in Wingate, Indiana. Her death was due to an adhesion following an operation for appendicitis last spring. While in college Elma held many positions of honor being a member of Student council, *Mirage* board and an officer in the Suffrage league. No doubt many will remember her as she represented Alpha in the National convention of Kappa Alpha Theta in 1913. Throughout her whole life she was very sincere, completely unselfish and truly admirable. Not only in college was she a leader but also in her home community, where after leaving college she willingly did her generous share in charity, civic, and religious work. Last October she was to have been married to Paul C. Guild, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, a graduate of De Pauw in 1913 and brother of Helen Guild of our present senior class, but because of Elma's ill health the preparations for a Theta wedding were postponed.

Her funeral was attended by about twenty Thetas, alumnae and active, of whom six were pall bearers and six flower girls. Ethel Rottman '16 sang *Nearer my God to thee* and the *Theta prayer*, then at the close of many beautiful remarks we gathered around her casket and sang the *Theta chant*. It is hard for us to realize that Elma is not really with us but we feel sure that from somewhere she is still smiling on us.

Mary Clippinger '16

1915 CONVENTION'S HOTEL BURNS

Gearhart, Ore., Dec. 21.—In a 72-mile-an-hour gale early today the Gearhart hotel was completely destroyed by fire. Only ten persons were in the hotel, which was famed as a summer resort, and all escaped unhurt. The loss amounts to \$100,000. The building was partly insured.

The fire, which had its origin in the boiler room, was spectacular. While tremendous seas broke against the sea wall at the base of the burning building, large timbers were whirled aflame far inland by the gale. At times it seemed as if the whole structure would be picked up and carried away. Fire-fighting apparatus from Seaside arrived too late to be of any assistance.

EXCHANGES

IF I WERE ADVISER TO GIRLS

THOMAS ARKLE CLARK, DEAN OF MEN, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

One of the first things, perhaps, which a college officer in my position will learn is that we shall not get far in the knowledge of the personal life of young men in college without soon coming to know a good deal about young women as individuals and in general. This information, gathered from the young men I have known, has usually been given me very frankly, sometimes quite unconsciously, sometimes it has been a matter of inference, and often I have woven together the scattered threads of conversation which I have picked up at one place and another, and of them formed the fabric of truth relative to the young man's ideas and reactions. It is because of these experiences that I have come to realize how certain things in a girl's dress, in her toilet artifices, in her personal relations with young men, affect these men, and it is concerning these things that I have felt often that I should like to have a quiet frank talk with girls.

A girl will be wise if she hesitates before making a confidant of a man, unless he be her father or her brother, no matter what the man's age may be or the sincerity of his friendship. The proper confidant of a girl is her mother. "Men are so much more sympathetic," I have heard girls say, "and they often understand girls better than women do!" I should not care to argue that point, but ordinarily I have found that the better understanding, if there were such, was of very little advantage in the developing of the girl's character or in helping her out of her troubles.

As I was riding in a railway train not long ago I was forced to listen to a conversation going on between a middle aged traveling man and a young woman twenty years old, perhaps, who had taken a seat beside him. It was easy to infer from the talk that they had never before met, and to my relief it was quite as easy to draw the conclusion that he was a gentleman and that she was a girl well brought up but quite lacking in judgment. During the one hundred miles that they were together she told him of her ambitions, of her troubles at home, of her love affairs, of every personal thing, in fact, that had seemed to touch her. She left the train finally, and her companion after helping her off came back and dropped into the seat beside me. "She isn't safe," he said by way of explanation, and I agreed as I now agree that the girls who opens up her private affairs for the inspection of any man has by so doing broken down effectively one barrier of personal protection. She is shutting out a larger danger than she knows when she keeps her private and personal affairs to herself.

Though it is true that most men do not have the intuition usually attributed to young women, yet young men are quite likely to detect in the young woman with whom they associate subterfuge and deceit, and this knowledge or detection they are not likely to confess. I was interested lately in listening to the conversation of two young men with regard to a young woman of their common acquaintance. The first young man had invited her to a party and she had accepted. Later the second young man had asked her to accompany him to a dinner on the same evening. She preferred the dinner to the dance, so she pleaded illness as an excuse to break the first engagement and went to the dinner with the second young man. Neither respected her afterwards, and though they never explained to her, neither ever invited her again. Young men are usually too frank and open with each other for such deceit on the part of girls to be long concealed, and in the end the girl suffers.

The toilet artifices which a woman employs almost never deceive a man, and invariably tend to make her cheap and common in his estimation. He knows when she gets her complexion from a bottle or a box, and when she puts it on with a pencil or a chamois cloth. It has its effect upon him over and above the physical charm which it exerts, and if I could have a quiet talk with her, I should like to tell her that the effect is not quite what a modest, sensible girl would wish. Just yesterday, accompanied by a junior, as I was walking to my office after lunch, I met a young college girl well known among the undergraduates. She is generally spoken of or addressed by a friendly nickname; she is discussed in detail on every occasion, and her cosmetics are analyzed daily at a dozen fireside laboratories. She was carefully, if not extremely dressed. One could not see her face without being impressed by it even if one did not turn, as most young fellows did, to look at it the second time. Her carefully penciled eyebrows stood out black and distinct, her bright red lips, her white neck revealed by the low cut blouse, and her cheeks beautifully soft and pink were as attractive as an artificial flower. "Polly has some skill with the brush," remarked my companion admiringly. There was no deceit about her complexion; it was incontestably well made and securely put on, but there was not a young man in college who, seeing her a block away, would for a moment have imagined that it was her own. Such chemical tricks usually suggest to a man who sees them shallowness, instability, a lack of genuineness on the part of the young woman who resorts to them, and so to a certain degree a lack of character. With such a girl a man is likely to feel less restraint, freer of speech and action—he can take more liberties—and such a girl is less free from vulgar attention among strangers and less safe. It is true that some refined and cultivated women resort to these skilful artifices with the hope of thus enhancing their beauty, but it is also unfortunately true that all women of low character do so, and sometimes with even more consummate skill. And how is one to know to which class the woman in question belongs, the young fellow asks, and as a result his respect for all women who resort to these cosmetical tricks is, whether he is conscious of it or not, somewhat lowered. The fact that a young man will compliment a girl on the skill with which she has applied her artificial complexion counts for little. He realizes the purpose she had in mind and knows that it is up to him.

The wise girl, and the one who will in the end win most respect and the greatest number of friends is the girl who stands firmly for social conventionalities. Some of these social forms, it is true, often seem foolish or unnecessary, but they are usually in the long run a test of character. The girl who attends a dance that is unchaperoned, who goes through an evening's entertainment without speaking to the hostess or the reception committee, who allows the young man to stay a little later than the house rules permit, who permits familiarities or unconventionalities of any sort, has by so doing weakened her social fortress, and helped to undermine the respect for herself of the very young man who may have urged her to do the unconventional thing, and who may have lauded her afterwards for being a good sport. Most of the girls who were known in college as "good sports" or "good fellows" or "popular girls" are either not married at all, or are unhappily married. The sensible man usually knows enough to steer clear of this sort when it comes to matrimony.

If I were adviser to girls, I should caution young women against extremes of any sort in dress. The girl who by her ultra dressing attracts attention to herself as she walks across the campus, by that very act, in the minds of all young men, reflects upon her own character. Every healthy young

woman naturally wants to be becomingly dressed, and so of course wants to be dressed in keeping with the latest style, but it is possible to be stylish without being freakish. The extremely short, or the painfully narrow skirt, the low cut bodice, and extremes of dress of all sorts that expose the wearer's figure, all have their effects upon the characters of the young men with whom the girls who wear such costumes associate, and in turn these costumes all suggest to young men something not wholly complimentary concerning the characters of the young women who wear these extreme clothes. Only recently I was looking over the photographs submitted for publication in the so-called "beauty section" of a college annual. Many of the photographs showed the young women in dresses cut so low as to reach almost the limits of modesty. "If the girls only realized what the influence of such pictures and such dressing is upon us fellows," one of the boys remarked to me, "I believe they would be more conservative and more careful."

The girl who bids for attention is never popular. There is nothing that so palls upon a young man and so dampens his ardor as ease of conquest; there is nothing so stimulating of interest as indifference. This is the main reason why it is often so impossible for one young woman to understand why another one is popular; but the boy knows. The easily won girl is frequently and even chronically engaged, but she seldom marries. To the sensible clean fellow she seems usually uninteresting, a little shop worn, a little soiled from being tossed about.

A few months ago I had an opportunity to observe in a little country town in Italy two American girls who were attracting considerable attention. They were thoroughly artificial in manner, in speech, in complexion. They were dressed in the most extreme mode of an ultra style. Every foreigner, not to speak of every American, turned his head to look again as they passed. I have no doubt that on the whole they were modest, well-meaning girls, but their whole makeup was a challenge to every man they met to show them attention, and they received much that was not pleasing. In contrast to these two was a group of young women from an Ohio college whom it was my pleasure to meet during the same summer in another Italian village. They were natural, genuine, unartificial, conservative in dress and manner. They had gone everywhere in a country sometimes thought dangerous for women to travel in alone, and had had no unpleasant experiences, because by their dress, and their reserve, and their quiet conventionality they had revealed their true character to everyone they met.

If I were adviser to girls I think I should try to let girls see that the things which men often seem blind to, they ordinarily are quite well aware of; that the things they often seem most to admire they care the least for, that the convention against which they rail they do not really despise, and the indiscretions which they frequently advocate they would very much dislike to see engaged in by the young women with whom they associate. Natural manners, natural speech, natural complexions, a quiet self-restraint, modesty in dress, a respect for conventionalities, a low laugh, constancy in friendship—all these I have learned from by contact with men are appealing in women and ultimately win respect and admiration. If I were giving advice to girls I should urge them to cultivate these qualities, and I should assure them that the average young fellow sees through subterfuges, recognizes artificialities, and has little respect for that which is not genuine and conventional in girls—
A Δ II *Adelphean*.

THE NEW YEAR

Judging from the very optimistic tone of the letters from our chapters in this issue, we naturally conclude that a great year is before the fraternity in the one just now beginning. (Sometimes we wonder if all we read is really true.) In any event we can at this time point to the many achievements narrated by our correspondents as setting a goal to work toward again this year. However, we can by no means boast of having attained the goal of fraternity perfection. Close perusal of these self-serving declarations reveals even yet too much of athleticism as compared to scholarship, too much chapter sociality as compared with the better and broader college democracy, too much concerning personal achievements and honors as compared with us of the college and its advancement. All this naturally leads our thoughts to that big old question of what are we for anyhow. Almost any local club can do as much. Had not a large national organization ought to do more? The field is wide, so let us enlarge our ideals and work to larger and greater things during this year just opening. Let us still endeavor to excel in athletics, sociability among ourselves and in personal popularity and advancement, but let us never lose sight of the bigger achievements of scholarship, college democracy and college loyalty.—*Φ Δ Θ Scroll*, September, 1915.

TOO MANY INITIATES

There can be no real brotherhood in a chapter of forty men, although there may be in three or four groups within its membership. Some of the more serious and far sighted of the brothers have viewed with apprehension the increase in the size of individual chapters in recent years. Six men in any delegation from a class would seem on the whole to form an ideal chapter. And it would if they would stay in college. But one-half, nay, more than one-half do not. Suppose such a delegation drops two men in its sophomore year, two in its junior year and one in its senior year, then there is but one senior left, and if a succeeding delegation meets the same fate, the chapter consists of three upperclassmen and ten lowerclassmen, and in many colleges where six would be a fair number of freshmen to take out of a class, a chapter of thirteen would be relatively weak.

This particular mischief could readily be remedied if when the chapter lost a man or men it would fill up its ranks from his class, but as we stated editorially last month, more than one chapter has a foolish prejudice against admitting anyone but a freshman. Care in selection would also assist to solve the problem of a small delegation, because if the men selected remained in college until they graduated the mischief referred to would vanish. But care can not be exercised in the rush of a campaign, which is a wild scramble for men. The remedy of course is in the postponement of the pledging date to a time which will permit of care being exercised.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

So many related concomitants of success in scholarship exist that we call your attention to some of them in order that intelligent effort and rational control will guide the collective mind in its struggle for supremacy. A programme of Social Activities should be formulated at once under the domination and control of the chapters. Let this provide sufficient variety and quantity of entertainments for the entire academic year to appeal to the vast majority of your membership, that your play serves to relax the body and mind of the individual without injudiciously cutting into his hours of work, as is liable to happen if no plan at all is devised. If you provide sufficient wholesome entertainment for a vigorous mind and body to supply its social

needs you have a right to insist that the balance of the time shall be devoted to the prosecution of college duties, the chief aim of every college man's career. Officers, provide a plan whereby your men will work while they work, and play while they play, but make each a complement to the other.—A Σ Φ *Tomahawk*, November, 1915.

It is nearly time for the election of chapter officers and it is time to begin to think whom to elect. These officers should be chosen only after a great deal of thought. Do not elect a girl for president because she is a senior or because she is the oldest in the chapter, elect her because you feel that by her good judgment and tact she can help the chapter the most. Put girls into all of the offices who will do not only that which is required of them, but who will see and do those little things which help girls individually and as a chapter. The corresponding secretary and associate editor should be chosen with especial care. They represent the chapter in the general fraternity and in the Greek world. The corresponding secretary should be a girl who is systematic and who will tend to matters on time and not just any time she happens to think of them. The associate editor should have some ability to write interestingly. She also must be one who will do things when they should be done. The recording secretary and treasurer should be girls of practical business ability. The election of these officers means a great deal to your chapter and to your initiates next year and even more to your standing in the general fraternity. Therefore the need of a great deal of thought and care can not be too strongly urged.

The chapter officers of next year might be more efficient if they could be helped by the experience of those of this year. This could be accomplished by a list of the duties of each officer being written and given to the one to hold the office for next year. The ordinary duties of each officer are of course known, but the little things which each one has done, such as the roll book, the scrap book, the *Anchora* files and all the other things, could be written down and each new officer would know what was expected of her and these things could be attended to early and not have to be rushed for some special reason late in the year.—Δ Γ *Anchora*.

It is well to bear in mind again the fact that the fraternity exists because the college exists. Here is a case where we can definitely decide which came first, the hen or the egg. A chapter in any fraternity is a group of men banded together for a common purpose incident to the life of some college or university. During the four college years the main vocation of the college student is going to college. The fraternity is the avocation, and at all times we must keep the college and the fraternity in their proper places.—Σ X *Quarterly*.

Fraternity is also an opportunity for service. Some fellow brother needs the love and helpful strength of a strong character. Be that character at the opportune moment. Do not be the one to laugh and jeer when one of your number is slipping. Rather reach out the hand of true comradeship and help him. If you need advice, on the other hand, there are those you can go to and feel confident you will receive it. The seniors have been over the road the freshmen must travel and to them is given the greater opportunity of service. If properly grasped, such an opportunity fits one for his life after college as no book can. The opportunity of knowing men, working out their problems, and working with them in your own is a rare thing in college life. It fits one for leadership.

Fraternity is the death of selfishness, and vice versa. A selfish man has no place in true fellowship. You cannot get anything for nothing in fraternity life. You must leave some of yourself in it. The sponge, the man who only absorbs and never gives or shares is the one who will get the least good in such a relationship. If he gives nothing, nothing will he receive. All the effort, all the sacrifice and love you can put into the fraternity will earn you uncounted dividends in the love, friendship and sacrifice from your fellows; not in this transitory period alone, but in after years when the conflict of a cold world makes life seem hard. That is where the affection of your fraternity counts most. It is one of the happiest things of my life that I can come back here at any time, to visit the scenes of my most enjoyable years, and find here a welcome from youth in such generous measure. It pays me a thousand fold for all the effort I ever made or put forth for this fraternity. Those who have gone out and left nothing of themselves here, find nothing on returning. The more you do as an individual to make your fraternity a success; the more you live up to its ideals; the better you play your part, the more you will love it, and the greater will be your capacity for love and sacrifice for good among the people in the larger field of activities in the future. These things make for character, which after all is the thing that carries you farthest along the road of life.—*Σ A E Record*.

"My fraternity is my college home—never a mere political organization to put me 'in line' for anything but life. It is sacred. Its purpose in relation to me is to make me a bigger and better man. Therefore, in return, I owe at the very least, this much. First, to be a man myself; second, to go even so far as to make great sacrifice, if necessary, to get the right men in and keep the wrong men out, and third, to do my part always to see that the social and intellectual and moral life of the fraternity is kept to the high level of the ritual."—*A X A Purple, Green and Gold*.

In most of the chapters I visited I found that the boys are poor housekeepers. Because the boys are careless in keeping up repairs, some of our most beautiful houses are being allowed to run down and deteriorate in value. This carelessness in some cases is serious and should be taken in hand right away by the alumni associations that own the properties. The kind of bad housekeeping that allows dirt to gather in corners and in the bathroom, and that permits a broken chair, a damaged stair rail or a cracked windowpane to go unattended for weeks at a time, gives the chapter a black eye in a visitor's estimation. Every chapter in the fraternity should take heed to these remarks and make a positive effort to keep their houses clean and in repair. The alumni, when they pay a visit, should jack up the chapters about such delinquencies; or they should provide an alumni house committee, near at hand, to see that such things are attended to. The lawns are usually neglected; there is seldom much grass on them, and usually there is a fringe of match stems and cigarette stubs around the front porch. Such things are a disgrace. A few dollars and a few hours of elbow grease in planting grass and shrubbery on the lawn in front of the house would improve it in looks a thousand per cent, and make life in it more worth while.—*The travelling secretary of Phi Gamma Delta*.

I know, of course, that our ethics, both as individuals and as fraternities, are susceptible of improvement; but I think genuine ethics are evolved from within, not imposed from without. I would like to have the individual girls do a little serious thinking about their own ethics and those of their chapters;

it would be commendable, even, to take a few minutes of chapter meeting for the discussion of ethical points, even if rushing and party plans had to be somewhat curtailed. Young people are likely to think that serious discussion of matters of right and wrong is priggish; and when young people are gathered together in organizations, bad ethics, it sometimes seems, are more likely to percolate upward than good ethics to percolate downward. But if the girls would take to thinking and talking on these subjects, not always nor even necessarily often, but sometimes, it would do vastly more good than if N. P. C. drafted and editors ran the showiest form of words. Attitude toward college authorities is one subject that undergraduates need to think about; attitude toward college activities other than fraternity, attitude toward financial obligations (yes, I mean both personal and chapter debts), and little departures from the ordinary standards of well-bred people, are other subjects that will repay study and discussion. Some of them are as much the nonfraternity woman's problem as the fraternity woman's; but the fraternity woman has more facilities for discussing and understanding them.—A T Δ *Quarterly*.

What will you do for the fraternity this year? We do not care particularly what it is, but do something.

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Of what advantage is the mere fact that you are a fraternity man? We will answer it for you. None. You must be of some value yourself.

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The new men are in our midst. See that they are taught what true fraternity means.—Π K Φ *Star and Lamp*.

The ideal fraternity is composed of students who are at an educational institution for the purpose of acquiring an education. These students live together on terms of intimate friendship with others of congenial tastes, take an interest in society and in varied college activities, have a college spirit that demands the same standard of honor in the classroom, on the athletic field and among all men, and are broad enough to cooperate with the other fraternities in working for the best interests of the university. The university, recognizing the strength of the fraternity idea, is interested in directing its energies in the right way. This directing influence comes through the personal efforts of the faculty rather than through an elaborate system of rules and regulations. The encouragement of the chapter house system and an interfraternity council are in the direction of student self-government and when the fraternity system is working properly it should be so extended that all the students may share its benefits.—E. B. Stephenson in *Quarterly Journal* of the University of North Dakota, July, 1915.

"An alumni club should be an alumni chapter, and an alumnus should feel it just as much his duty to join such a club as once he felt it his privilege to join a chapter. He must not forget that when he was an undergraduate there were alumni working for him and the fraternity, and that the debt should be paid with interest. We should remember that our pledges were not taken to the chapter, but to the fraternity; that we did not join the chapter, but the fraternity; that when we go out from the chapter, we do not go out from, but rather further into the fraternity, in its largest and best sense. Then it must be plain that if we would do our part in advancing the fraternity, there is always a place in the alumni club where we can renew the pledges once given in the chapter.—Σ A E *Record*.

CHAPTER LETTERS AND ALUMNÆ NEWS

The editor frankly confesses to have copied the idea of the Editor's notes, following chapter letters from the *Sigma Kappa Triangle*. Please read the note after your chapter's letter. If there is no note there, your chapter's letter was that joy to an Editor's heart—"copy ready to go to press when received." Since there are fifteen chapter editors whose copy earns that distinction, we feel confident we are not setting an overly-high standard in our copy specifications.

We thank Delta, Eta, Rho, Sigma, Omega, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Pi, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Upsilon, and Alpha Chi for sending typewritten chapter letters for this issue.

The above list is not the honor list for style. The absence of Editor's notes will show you the names on that roll.

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

To begin with, you must excuse us if we rave—for we are just recovering from "Old Gold day." If that doesn't mean anything at all to you, I'll tell you this—"Old Gold day" is that day of all days when all De Pauw cuts loose and the Faculty merely hang on the straps and watch. Well this year the Faculty had to hang on harder than ever—you see, it was *some* day! The fact that everyone was hoarse at night from yelling all day didn't keep the Thetas from starring in the Old Gold vaudeville, for we did, with a whoop! The other fraternities presenting stunts just naturally had to hand us the corsage bouquet. We staged a little cabaret act full of dances, songs, hoop-skirts, and lots of colored lights. We had trained—well, considerably! and the act went off without a quiver. It was called *Outskirts* and the audience was looking for some kind of suburban life—when the curtain went up!—well, the President smiled?

We were so glad to have Miss Arda Knox with us on Old Gold day. She was really "one of the girls," and somehow, it wasn't a minute before we got to leaving off that "Miss"! We hope she'll come again, and very soon.

And say! we have the nicest alumnae that ever were! What do you suppose they did the other day?—Why, surprised us by coming in with a lot of covered baskets. And oh! those covered baskets had the best taste of any baskets I ever saw!

Irene Selby '18, and Ethel Rottman '16, are members of the University choir; Mary Alice Davis '18, and Elizabeth Horner '19, are reporters on the De Pauw *daily*; Lois Shouse '18, was elected member of Duzer Du, the De Pauw dramatic society; Jessie Gobin '18, and Mary Weik '18, are members of Tusitola, a society of the English department; Lilian Hays '17, is treasurer of the Women's self-government, and Genevieve Briggs '16, and Marjorie Green

'17, are members of its council; Anna Shields '18, is vice-president of her class.

Alpha says "Christmas Gift" to all her sisters.

Mary Weik

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We supplied heading, punctuation marks and blue-pencilled part of the letter's slang.*]

Lena Tweedy '15, Ehrma Green '15, Charlotte Wheeler '15, Helen Brian '17, Glendyl Comer, all visited us Oct. 23 and 24.

Born to Mr and Mrs Jacob Bintz (Alma Gobin) Oct. 27, 1915, a daughter, Miriam.

Mrs Eric Moraller (Lenni Burner) and daughter visited us last month.

Rachel Williams, Mary Gainey, Anah Webb, Elizabeth Horner, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Rottman, Mary Clippinger, Lillian Hays, Marjorie Green, Irene Selby and Lois Shouse attended the dance given by Beta on Oct. 23.

Several girls from Beta and Alpha Chi were with us on Old Gold day.

Grace Allen is in Chicago, where she is educational director for Mandel Brothers.

New address of May Harris Sharp (Mrs A. P.) is 576 Grove st. Newton Lower Falls, Mass.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The evening before we left for Thanksgiving vacation, the freshmen gave us all a most delightful party, a regular Thanksgiving dinner, turkey and all that goes with it. For once, the general order of things was reversed, inasmuch as we, upperclassmen, were requested to go in and out through the back door, and to use the back stairway, during the afternoon and in the evening, to wait in our rooms until the freshmen called us down to the festivities.

November 23, we had our first "one-man" dance, that is, instead of inviting each and every fraternity to come, each girl invited one man. The change was made at the request of Dean Mason, and, although it meant the breaking away from a time-honored custom, the dance was a great success, and the girls feel that the change is for the better.

This year, mostly through the efforts of Luella Smith, who is president of the Women's league, we have been developing the idea, that the university girls take part in the cheering at the football games, not by yelling, but by singing. A prize was offered for the best new Indiana song, and was won by Esther Mayer. You may be sure we were all proud of her. Besides that, Mary Rieman was elected song leader of the girls, by popular vote.

Strut and Fret, our former dramatic society, died a natural death last year. This year an entirely new organization, The Garrick club, has been formed at the instigation and under the management of the faculty. Membership is based on dramatic ability. On the list of charter members are the names of two Thetas, Mary Rieman, and Lucile Gray. The latter was elected secretary.

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Mildred L. Hatch

Charlotte Knox Perrill (Mrs H. P.) has moved to 11 Wellman st. Brookline, Mass. Lieut. Commander Perrill is on the *New Jersey*.

Married, Mary Victoria Hernley and Everett McCullough on June 9. Address: Brazil, Ind.

'00 Edith Holland Gifford (Mrs) Tipton, Ind. is secretary of the Indiana alumni of her class.

Selma Slemple is teaching in Ft. Madison, Iowa. Since leaving Indiana university, she has taken her A.M. at the University of Kansas.

'13 Gladys Rieman was married to Robert Hamilton, $\Phi K \Psi$, Oct. 14, 1915. They are living in Bloomington, Ind.

'14 Louise Mauzy was married to George Dehorty, B Θ II, Oct. 12, 1915. Helen Ardery was initiated Oct. 7, 1915.

Hazel Bertsch, Ruth Herdrick, Helen Jeffries, Helen Filbey, Dorothy Thornburgh, and Lena Luddington Ferguson, were among those who were down for the Purdue-Indiana game.

Born to Mr and Mrs L. B. Sholty (Katherine McMahon) Wabash, Ind. a son, William Maxwell, Sept. 20, 1915.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

Following our regular pledging, on October 5 we pledged Leah Henry and Gladys Hearst, both of Indianapolis; the latter being a senior, was initiated with eleven girls pledged last year, Lucile Downing, Eda Bachman, Anna Junge, Edith Silvers, Isabelle Hughes, Katherine Burton, Cordelia Higgins, Mildred Morgan, Virginia Kingsbury, Marie Fitzgerald and Helen Reed, at the home of Mrs. Eichrodt, on October 9. With these new girls we now have twenty-eight in our active chapter.

On October 10, to introduce our newly initiated girls, and new pledges, we held open house to all the men in college, at the home of Lucille Adams. This, with a party, just for ourselves, at the home of Lorene Jeffries November 8, is all the "society" in which Gamma has indulged this semester. However, with college activities, which have been numerous, we have had a very busy half semester, and now, with mid-semester examinations over, we are planning a Christmas tree December 13, and our term dance December 23.

We have two girls on the Young Women's Christian association cabinet, Katherine Jameson and Lola Conner; three with class offices, Gladys Hearst, secretary of the senior, Helen Duke, vice-president of the sophomore and Hazel Rodebaugh, vice-president of the freshman class; and Mildred Morgan is the secretary of the Locust club, composed of all the girls in college.

This year our girls are interested, to an unusual degree in college activities, not only in clubs, but in the organized settlement work which is being done by the Young Women's Christian association, and of all this we feel justly proud.

Although the Butler football team has met defeat more often than victory this fall, we are looking forward to a more successful

season next year, and in the meanwhile, basketball is coming on, and we, with unlimited faith in our team-that-is-to-be, are hoping for the best.

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Laura Ann Reed

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We had to correct the form of dates, kill many capitals, and frequently alter the tabooed "school."*]

Dorothy Cook, A, spent Nov. 26 the guest of Wirth Dailey.

Mary Zoercher and Katherine Riley spent the week-end of Nov. 28 at Franklin.

Mary Louise Rumpler and Gail Baker spent the week-end of Nov. 21, at Sheridan the guests of Dr and Mrs Leonard Kerchival (Betty Stephenson, '15).

Rachel Williams, A, was our guest for initiation.

Mary Lochhead, Virginia Kingsbury, Charlotte Bachman and Isabelle Hughes spent the week-end of Nov. 21 at Earlham, and attended the Butler-Earlham game.

Helen Balz and Laura Pantzer spent Old Gold day at De Pauw.

Born to Mr and Mrs Carl Harris (Lois Brown) a girl, Nov. 10.

Gladys Hearst spent the week-end of Nov. 21 at Indiana, the guest of Elizabeth Ray.

Reliance Holton Leckner (Mrs Myron) is living in Chicago, where her husband is with the Curtis Publishing Company.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Delta has both benefited and lost with the opening of the new year—benefited, for we are the proud possessors of seven fine freshmen, and lost in that five of our girls—Patience Penniwell, Eleanor Babbitt, Ruth Fruland, Helen Johnson, and Alice Chesley were unable to return this year, thereby leaving a gap which can not be truly filled except by the girls themselves. Our freshmen are Marion Manley, Kansas City; Dorothy Warren, Watseka, Illinois; Irene Bohlman, Tuscola, Illinois; and Louise Murphy, Marie Cronin, Edna Goettler, and Elsa Haase all from Chicago. Since our pledge day which came on October 2 this year, Elsa Haase, Edna Goettler, and Marion Manley, due to advanced standing, are now wearing the Kite. We had this initiation as near our usual "Home-coming" time as possible so that the older girls could return and, indeed, we had a houseful. Although the spirit of convention overruled all else, the talk of brides, babies, teaching, et cetera united to form the happiest of reunions for three whole days which were ended all too soon for every one of us. We are now settled, trying to avoid disturbing influences and hoping to make this year one of satisfaction and achievement for each and every girl. We extend Theta love and wish for prosperity in the fullest sense to every chapter, and especially do we greet the baby chapters as new and shining links to an already long chain.

Pauline H. Adams

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We supplied heading, much punctuation, and some re-spelling.*]

Norma Cullen, Elsie Goettler, Zelda Henson, Edna Johnson, Florence Shaw, Tau; Laura Haywood, and Lucile Prichard, Psi, were guests for the Illinois-Wisconsin game. The score was 17-3 in favor of Illinois which filled Delta with pride.

Theta friends of Mary Mattis will be interested to hear of her marriage to Lieut. T. J. Camp on Oct. 7. They have gone to the Philippines where they will make their home for an indefinite length of time. Jule Mattis will spend the winter in Washington with her uncle, Congressman W. B. McKinley.

Mary Buell, Psi, is instructor in the chemistry department of the university this year.

'17 The engagement of Ella Burnes to Arthur Meyers, Δ K E, has been announced.

Margaret Harris ex-'15, was married to Bill Levis '14, Σ X, June 29.

Gertrude Humphrey and Howard Kimmel, Φ Δ Θ, were married June 29.

Katharine Planck Kircher is the proud mother of Paul, jr. born July 21. Address: 1840 Barry ave. Chicago, Ill.

'16 Beatrice Copley is teaching rhetoric in the university this year.

'16 Juanita Richardson has charge of the cafeteria at the Urbana high school.

Gladys Fishleigh, Marguerite Costello, Louise Shipman Wagner, Jennie Parker Stultz, Virginia Haase, Helen Jordan Truitt, Mary Gibson Vance, Lillian Riddle, Maude Bull, Ella Burns, Margaret Sawyer, Lavinia Stinson, Wilma Hill, Gertrude Humphrey Kimmel, Viola Sontag, and Henrietta Pitts Martin were guests at "Home-coming."

Mayme Baldwin was married to Francis Simpson, Φ K Ψ, Oct. 28.

Anne Stophlet was married to George Montgomery, B Θ Π, on Nov. 10.

Born, June 1, to Mr and Mrs Le Roy F. Hamilton, a daughter, Alice Wood. Address: Washington, Pa.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Pledge day, October 12, gave us seven fine pledges: Marion Peterson, Vassar '15, Ann Arbor; Doris Porter, Wellesley '18, Lansing; Marie Zeiger, Elmira '16, Niagara Falls, New York; Emma Riggs, Ann Arbor, sister of Ellen Earle and Genevieve; Louise Ewing, Brooklyn, sister of Margaret; Helen Ramsdell, Manistee; and Fanny Brown, Rapid City, S. D. November 8 the pledges distinguished themselves by giving a rushing party to the chapter, making to us, to our amused dismay, remarks we had made to them during rushing season. With the refreshments they gave us a wonderful tea-cart singing.

"Do ever what a Theta sister should,
Drink tea, and may it be right good."

The three upperclass girls pledged this fall, and the two pledged in June, were initiated November 13. We affiliated at the same time Mary Ethel Spencer '16, Delta, and Helen Feldkamp '17, Alpha, making twenty-five in the active chapter. What we have ever done without Mary Ethel for programs and place cards, we do not know. Initiation banquet was a time of real rejoicing. At the close we were both saddened and gladdened by the gift of a beautiful loving

cup, bearing the inscription, "I have called you friends," in remembrance of Mr. H. P. Finley. The Finleys have been our kind friends and forbearing neighbors ever since we came to live on South Ingall.

November 20 we gave a most successful *thè dansant* for our freshmen.

The favorite activity of the chapter this year is work with the University hospital children, eleven of the girls teaching over there every week.

As the university gives Thursday only, and is strict about attendance Friday, we had a Theta family party Thanksgiving Day, instead of the many private ones we might have preferred. Margaret Armstrong and Rowena Bastin were back for that week-end.

The burning question on the campus at present is, Shall we have compulsory military training?

29 November 1915

Esther Shaw

'06 Bess Cantwell has returned from two years in Europe and is at Kenton, Ohio, where she is managing a large hardware business, in which she is financially interested.

'07 Regina Kingman after several years teaching in Panama and Boise, Idaho, will spend the winter at her home in Battle Creek, Mich.

'08 Leona Belser is teaching English in Highland Park high school, Detroit. Her address is 188 Seward ave. Detroit.

'06 Grace Holmes is teaching in the Kansas state normal, Emporia, Kan.

'10-ex Born, July 30, to Louise Conner Teague (Mrs Joseph Cooper) a son, Howard Keyes.

'11 Dorothy Brown is in the economics department of Vassar college.

'12-ex Married, Julia Benedict to Rev John Moore Walker, at Sewanee, Tenn.

'12 The engagement of Gladys Pearson to John Alexander Scott of Pittsburgh has been announced.

'12 Gladys Vedder is an assistant in the rhetoric department of the University of Michigan.

'12 Grace E. Koons is working in the Detroit city receiving hospital.

'12-ex Born, Oct. 3, to Katherine Sherwood Roberts (Mrs Samuel H.) a son, Samuel Meredith.

'13 Born, to Agnes Parks Roby, a son. Address: Copper Cliff, Ont.

'14-ex Married, Sept. 18, at Grosse Isle, Mich. Lois Douglas to Frank S. Weaver. Address: 2739 Maryland ave. Baltimore, Md.

'14 Ellen Earle Riggs is studying domestic science at Teachers' college, Columbia university.

'14 The engagement of Mary Lynn to Frank Finley, Δ X '14, of Niagara Falls, has been announced.

'14 Married, Isabel Rizer to Raymond Everett, at Washington, D. C. on Sept. 8. Address: 2620 Wichita st. Austin, Texas.

'14 Frances Lakin is at home this year. She spent Nov. 12-20 visiting the chapter.

'14 Grace Babcock is at home, attending the Congregational training school for men and women. The school prepares students to be pastors' assistants.

'15 Margaret Armstrong is principal of the high school at Howard City, Mich.

- '15 Neva Creighton is teaching in a private school at Sewickley, Pa.
 '15 Annie Williams has announced her engagement to William McCormick
 '13. She is assistant worker in the new Livernois settlement, Detroit.
 '15 Helen Morse is teaching English in the high school at Hancock, Mich.
 '15 Margaret Foote has announced her engagement to Percy Crane, Trigon
 '15. She is teaching French in Alma college, Alma, Mich.
 '15 Elsa Hempl was married in July to Frank E. Hill. Address: 203 Addison ave. Palo Alto, Cal.

'16-ex Florence Wilson is a junior at Bryn Mawr.
 '16-ex Emma Rhodehamel is teaching at Indianapolis. She graduated from the normal school with the highest average standing that any student there has ever attained.
 '17-ex Helen Pratt is in California for the winter. She expects to return to Michigan for the second semester.
 '17-ex Clare Jones was here for rushing but will not be in the university until the second semester.

'18-ex Rowena Bastin is teaching near Geneva, Ill.
 Mary Yost (graduate student) has returned to the English department at Vassar college as assistant professor.

Myra Post Cady '95, Minerva Rhines '97, Charlotte Bissell '03, Florence Hagle Ruthven, Edith Rice Swaine '98, Ethel Obetz Fullenwider '10-ex, Leona Belser '08, Elizabeth Williams '11-ex, Bertha Ballard '11-ex, Louise Connor Teague '10-ex, Frances Lakin '14, Annie Williams '15, Gussie Bookmeyer, '14-ex, Stella Roth '14, and Clara Jones '17-ex, were with us for the November initiation.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Our October letter, written just after our first rushing party, expressed our self-confidence and high hopes of success along that line so, that the superstitious among us were afraid that our pride would be followed by a fall. But we "Knocked on wood," worked hard, and behold the fruits of our efforts: nine splendid new initiates, each capable of upholding Theta standards in the highest degree, and already beginning eagerly to do it.

May we present them? Louise Baker of Ithaca; Reba Beard of Harrisburgh, Virginia; Elsie Church of Ithaca; Gladys Gilkey, Ithaca; Ellen Marx, Newark, New Jersey; Jean Ralph, Buffalo; Lydia Seager, South Orange, New Jersey; Virginia Switzer, Staunton, Virginia; and Doris Wynkoop of Rochester. This is the largest number initiated in some years into Iota, for we don't usually bid as many as that.

Pledge day was November 3, and after the pledge service we all went down to Mildred Watt's home for supper and taught the pledges to sing Theta songs with a vim. On November 20 they were initiated at the Baileys', where we have so often held initiation services, and then followed a banquet at Alburgers. What we would do on these occasions without Mrs. Comstock and Miss Green we cannot say, for their part in them is always an inspiration to each one of us, besides giving the freshmen a wonderful insight into the bigness of Theta's

national life and what it means to us as individuals. Mrs. A. W. Smith, better known as "Aunt Ruby" to the chapter, was our very able and charming toast-mistress at the banquet.

Our alumnæ seemed very close and dear to us that evening, for besides the many welcome messages from those out of town, including one from our beloved ex-"G. P.," Mabel Hale, whom we had hoped to have with us, and many beautiful flowers from near and far, we had fifteen alumnæ actually with us in a body as well as in spirit.

The activities of women at Cornell are constantly increasing and broadening with the growth in numbers. The newest takes the form of a monthly publication by and for the women of the university, *The Cornell Women's review*, and we are justly proud of its first two issues and of our Theta representative on its board, Margaret McClanahan.

The question of fraternity houses for women is being agitated not a little just now, for the first time in a number of years, as one solution of the housing problem, since the present dormitories are so inadequate. We are quite excited at the idea, and are wondering if that would not make possible another of our long cherished dreams, second term or sophomore pledging. The Dean of women seems in favor of both, and so we may be inviting you to our own home before very long—who knows?

Now that rushing is over and we may settle down better to our regular work and play, to our educational program, to our efforts for higher scholarship in the chapter, and efficiency along all lines, we greet you all and wish you success too, in these our common interests and efforts.

1 December 1915

Jean D. Holmes

'09 Lois Wing (Mrs Loomis Burrell) with her two children, has been visiting her family here.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs Curtis Gillespie (Helen Dixon) a son on Nov. 26.

'12 Margaret Mandeville Warren (Mrs Monroe), who has been visiting her home here, has gone to Minneapolis, Minn. to live.

'12 Ethel Bailey is assisting her father, Dean L. H. Bailey, in the revision of his *Encyclopædia of horticulture*.

'12 Marie Beard and Peggy Switzer Shewmake (Mrs E. F.) both have sisters among our initiates this year.

'15 Marjorie Barberie is an assistant in domestic science at the girls' high school in Brooklyn.

'15 Mildred Watt is to leave in January to teach mathematics in Brownell hall, Omaha, Neb.

'15 Helen Bennett is traveling in California.

New address of Mrs H. J. Taylor (Bertha Schuster) is 1711 Douglas st. Sioux City, Iowa.

Zaidee Theall Mayo (Mrs Hughes) is living at 2 Orange st. Charleston, S. C.

Born, Oct. 19, to Mr and Mrs P. D. Carman (Edna Mertz) a son, Edward Hamilton. Address: 366 Nozaleda, Manila, Philippines.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Since the first letter was written, the semester has sped onward to the accompaniment of many happenings of varying degrees of importance that have each and all left marks of harmonious satisfaction upon our happy, loving and inspiring chapter life.

One event that we all enjoyed was the annual freshman party. This was an informal dance given at the chapter house by the upper-classmen for the freshmen, to introduce them to the men of the university.

November 6 is unforgettable in the hearts of nine Thetas as the day of their initiation into Kappa Alpha Theta. In our joy and pride in our new sisters, the day is scarcely less memorable to the older girls. After the initiation service an informal introduction of the new wearers of the Kite to the alumnae followed. Refreshments were served, as is our custom, and at the request of the alumnae, we sang our newest, as well as many old Theta songs.

By noon on November 17 our house was filled with an expectant, hopeful, ever buzzing throng that had gathered to enjoy the downfall of Nebraska at the hands of Kansas. Yet not all had such wickedness in their hearts! There were nine who had come a long distance with a very different feeling toward the Red and White! They were the "nine tall Thetas," as they dubbed themselves, from Nebraska, whom we welcomed so heartily into our midst. We should like to take the liberty to change the self-applied epithet "nine tall Thetas" to a more explicit one—"nine delightful, charming, winsome Thetas."

Nebraska won!

Our delegate's report of convention was saved until after initiation so that the freshmen might benefit from it also. If all delegates were enabled to make as interesting a report as Ida Perry gave to us, surely convention was a wonderful thing! We have adopted the method of regular seating according to class, in fraternity meetings, advocated there, and have learned several new songs heard at convention.

29 November 1915

Helen Topping

'08 Born to Helen Shaffer Barteldes (Mrs Otto), in Nov. an infant son, Otto.

'16 Mabel Perry was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in October, an unusual occurrence because the election usually takes place after the first semester's grades of the senior year are in.

Mrs Frank Thompson of Topeka spent a Sunday in Oct. with us.

'14-ex Mr and Mrs Harold Wilson (Mabel Thornton) and small son called upon us in Nov.

'16 Mabel Perry and '17 Lila Atkinson were elected to $\Pi \Gamma \Sigma$, an honorary educational fraternity.

One of our most loved pledges, Marjorie Crooks, of Kansas City, was compelled to leave college for this year because of the death of her father in Oct.

These are some alumnae and friends who visited us at the time of the Kansas-Nebraska game: '12 Vera Atkinson, '12 Letitia Blakey, '17-ex Julian Lenhausen, '13 Ruth Harger, '13 Florence Fuqua, '13 Elinor Keith, '13 Marie Lealy, '10 Rachel Pugh, Mr and Mrs John Musselman (Nellie Taylor), Mr and Mrs Edgar Forde (Hazel Allison), Mr and Mrs Elmer Siegler (Margarette Forde), Mr and Mrs Arley Hedrick, Mrs Geo. Topping, Miss Florence Campbell, Miss Mildred Miller, Miss Katherine Sawyer, Miss Lucile Lambert, and Mrs Rose and daughter Mildred.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Now Thanksgiving has come and gone, we are in the calm of steady work that precedes Christmas vacation. We are happy to announce the initiation, on November 20, of Ruby Howe '17 of Burlington, who transferred last year from Smith. Our regular initiation comes as usual the second semester.

The get-to-gether spirit seems to be in the air at Vermont this year. The men have been holding enthusiastic mass meetings once a week for some time past, the result being the formation of a Student union which includes the whole student body of men. Its weekly meetings are to supplement the work of the smokers in arousing enthusiasm and unified action among the students. In order to bring the girls of the university in closer relationship with one another, the four women's fraternities, at the request of Panhellenic, have agreed to give up one Saturday night meeting every six weeks to join with all the women of the university in an informal party. Akraia, the senior girls honorary society, took the initiative in this matter and gave a Halloween masquerade dance in the gymnasium, October 30.

Professor emeritus, Nathan F. Merrill, for thirty years head of the department of chemistry, died suddenly October 26. Under the conditions of his will, at the death of his niece, \$5,000 will go to the university as a fund for three scholarships for chemistry students, and \$5,000 to the Vermont chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. Colonel Reeves, who has been for three years commandant at the university, has been elected president of Norwich university at Northfield, Vermont.

October 20, Pi Beta Phi entertained the girls of the three upper-classes at an immigration party. We were asked to put on a stunt, and consequently we presented the *To shock you entertainers* whose program was varied enough to bring into play the rather amazing versatility of its members. No field of art was left untouched, and all the celebrities of the day were there, Maud Howell, Padded Rooster, Madame Human-Schreik, Mr. Awful Noise, and even the Turn-on-castors, who made their final appearance.

While we are not yet fortunate enough to have a chapter house, yet we have tried to show our hospitality by using our room for social functions as well as for our special use. One afternoon each week we are at home to any of our friends who might drop in for informal tea.

27 November 1915

Gladys Fauley

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We supplied all the commas and dotted most of the "i's."*]
'89 Emma Chandler White (Mrs L. C.) visited in town recently, the guest of Mrs Guy Loudon.

'02 Alice Bean is in town for a few days.

'07 Born on Oct. 19, to Mr and Mrs Wm. Duffus (Effie Wells) a son, Parmelee Wells.

'07-ex Died on Nov. 6, Margaret Harmon Hendee (Mrs Henry D.).

'08 Lucy Bean French (Mrs Harold F.) is spending the winter in Newport, Vt.

'13-ex Married on Oct. 20, Emily Hulburd to Leroy Hamlin.

'13 Mary Winslow is now at the head of the children's department in one of the New York city libraries.

'13 Mary Jean Simpson and Nina Shepardson '14 were here for the weekend, Oct. 22-25.

'14 Edith Coulman was in Burlington in Oct. to attend the library convention.

'14 Katharine Dewey and Grace Nutting '15 visited in town on their return from the teachers' convention in Rutland.

'15 Married, Oct. 23, Bernardine Kimball to Ralph W. Simonds, Σ Φ. Mr and Mrs Simonds live at 634 Cass ave. Detroit, Mich.

'15 The engagement of Ethel Bates Jackson to Harold Brailey, Φ Δ Θ, has been announced.

'17-ex Married Oct. 16, Norma B. Strong to Harold P. Crosby of Hyde Park, Vt.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

At Allegheny we are just beginning to realize that Christmas is not far off, for cold weather is here to stay and our professors are scheduling the usual "just-before-vacation" quizzes. In our estimation we have accomplished as much and been just as busy as we were last year, although we are not trying, as then, to do two-thirds of our college work the first term in order to have time for pageant practice the second term.

This fall Allegheny college received a most valuable gift of books. These books, 278 in number, and dealing for the most part with sociological and economic subjects, were given to our library by the Hon. Frederic C. Howe '89, U. S. Commissioner of immigration. So far we have had the pleasure of hearing several interesting speakers, among whom was Mrs. Diefenderfer, a member of the National Anti-Mormon commission, and Miss Elizabeth R. Hunt, of Evanston, Illinois. The latter gave a series of three lectures concerning the development and various phases of the drama.

With the men's "bidding day" November 26 came the end of an unusually hard rushing season with its series of dates, "open houses," et cetera, and now the various fraternities are proudly displaying their respective pledges. The girls were set free from their nerve-racking suspense two weeks ago and college affairs are assuming a more normal aspect.

Mu chapter is now the proud possessor of the scholarship cup for our district. Then, too, one of our seniors, Helen R. Adams, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa early this fall, in accordance with a ruling adopted last year by which a certain number, or percentage, to be exact, of the members of the senior class may be elected to the fraternity at the beginning of their senior year. This choice of Helen Adams shows that she has the highest scholastic standing among the women of her class.

Our chapter has had an exciting time of it this fall and one that we shall never forget. Owing to our small number of seniors and other disadvantages we had a real fight for our four freshmen this year, but we came out victorious and have pledged Mary K. Arnold, Clarion, Pennsylvania; Helen R. Abrams, Jamestown, New York; Gladys M. Douds, Meadville; and Olevia R. Widdowson, Mehafeey.

In spite of few leisure hours our chapter has had time for the customary social affairs. October 21 we gave a formal dinner party for our men friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Webb. October 23 we attended the regular Panhellenic party given at Saegertown Inn. The Sunday morning after pledging our alumnæ, Rachel Smith '14 and Josephine Singley '15 prepared an appetizing breakfast in the fraternity rooms in honor of our freshmen. Then the following Monday evening the sophomores of the fraternity gave a dinner party, also in honor of our pledges. There is not enough space to say how much we enjoyed these two repasts and how grateful we are to the girls who served them.

Now we are looking forward to the trip to Pittsburgh for the installation at the University of Pittsburgh and the visits of our Grand secretary and District president. Not all of us are fortunate enough to go to Pittsburgh but we *can* welcome Miss Green and Mrs. Overturf and we are preparing for this with great pleasure.

28 November 1915

Mary Katherine Carew

'10 Jessamine DeHaven Lewis (Mrs C. F.) spent the week-end of Oct. 23 in Meadville. While here she was Mu's alumna guest at the Panhellenic party Oct. 23.

'13 Annie Bishop, who is teaching in Endeavor, Pa. was here for the Rochester-Allegheny game Oct. 23.

'13 Beulah Grauel spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs F. P. Miller of Meadville.

'13 Dorothy Sansom is now visiting her sister, Mrs O. C. Jones '14 of Cleveland, Ohio.

- '14 Thelma Weissenborn spent the week-end of Nov. 25 in Meadville.
 '15 Agnes McMahon spent the week-end of Oct. 3 at Allegheny.
 '15 Dorothea Abrams was here over Thanksgiving visiting her sister, Helen Abrams '19.
 '15 Josephine Singley has returned from New York, where she was doing settlement work, and will spend the winter at her home in Meadville.
 '16-ex Alice Hawkey visited Blanche Taylor '16 over Sunday, Oct. 24.
 '17-ex Rachel Cleveland was in Meadville over Sunday, Oct. 3.
 '17 Mildred Richey attended the Women's student government convention at Western Reserve college.
 Mrs Horace G. Ogden of Rochester, N. Y. a former grand president of Theta, was entertained at tea in our rooms the latter part of Oct.
 Helene Peck Daniels (Mrs E. P.) is living in Wilton, N. H.
 Married, in June, Margaret Yingling and O. T. Lange. Address: 930 W. 8th st. Erie, Pa.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

November has been a busy month for Rho. Along with mid-semester, vacation, and time tables—we have had a strenuous combination of initiation, home-coming, a reception, pledging, and a house-dance.

Helen Cook, formerly of Alpha Upsilon, affiliated with Rho, October 23, when Ruth Beecher, Larue Gilern, Jean Peck, and Frances Ringler were initiated.

The air has been filled with praise of Kappa's hospitality since the Kansas-Nebraska game. Every two years, those who can practice self-denial and save their pennies, look forward to the visit to Lawrence and each time those who cannot go are green with envy at the glowing recital of the good times at Kansas. The girls who did not go gave a house-dance. Mrs. Sanborn chaperoned the party.

Home-coming time, just before Thanksgiving, the time when Nebraska's alumni come back and renew old friendships, was the week-end of November 20. At this time the final football game of the season is won and there are many parties. Rho chapter was hostess at an All-university reception directly after the Iowa-Nebraska game, November 20. This was an innovation at the university and we hope to make it an annual affair.

Three girls, Katherine Kohl, Hastings; Emma Garrett, Madison; and Gertrude McGee, Rapid City, South Dakota, were pledged November 20.

Eva Miller

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—We corrected date forms and supplied commas.]

'13 E. Ruth Lindley is head of the Greek department at Cotner university, Bethany, Neb.

Mr and Mrs Neil Dunn (Gratia Green) are the parents of a fine boy, born Nov. 9 at Elk Creek, Neb.

'15-ex The engagement of Julie Proudfit to Howard Harvey, Σ X, was announced in Nov.

'12 The marriage of Louise Barr to Louis Anderson, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, took place in Nov.

'15-ex A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Ray Crancer (Mamie Anderson) Nov. 18, at Lincoln.

'15 Ruth Bridenbaugh is teaching in South Sioux City.

The visitors during Home-coming week were, Erma Jones, Louise Bedwell, Omaha; Willa Speier, St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs Eva L. Miller, Hadassah McGiffen, Fremont; and Orpha Carmean, Chadron.

Helen and Dorothy Wallace are spending the winter in California.

Born to Mr and Mrs R. E. Gantt (Zola Dellecker), April 21, 1915, a daughter, Nancy.

'16-ex Virginia Lewis visited at the house for a couple of weeks in Nov.

'12 Stella Trimble Duer is in Hastings this winter.

'12 Helen Blish Bennett is in St. Joseph, Mo. doing library work.

'07 Born to Mr and Mrs Jess Lancaster (Mildred Post) May 27, 1915, a son, George Gale. Address: 2246 Cambridge st. Los Angeles, Calif.

'03-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Arthur Moore (Hallie Post) in April, 1915, a son. Address: Ventura, Calif.

'07 Born to Mr and Mrs Ellery Davis (Camille Hall) May 29, 1915, a daughter, Mary Helen.

'04 Mr and Mrs O. T. Swan (Nellore Wilson) are living at 15 Elm st. Oshkosh, Wis.

'08 Mrs C. J. O'Connor (Julia Hainer) spent the summer in Lincoln, while her husband superintended the Red Cross work in Mexico. They are now in Washington, D. C.

'07 Mr and Mrs Warren F. Day (Edith Robbins) are living in Lincoln, 1941 B st.

'07 Married in June, 1915, Georgia Field to Fred Upson, Nebraska '06, a chemistry professor at the State farm.

07-ex Faith Hoel is "Seeing America first" on a nine months' tour.

'10 Emma Swezey is teaching Spanish in Los Angeles. She has spent the past two years in Porto Rico.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The excitement of rushing over, Sigma greets you with a sigh of relief. Congratulations, we suppose, are in order. We are able to present to you five initiates, whom we are happy to have among us. A unique situation has arisen in the case of two of our pledges who, on account of war conditions, do not feel that they can join us this year. Initiation, which was held on November 27, was, as usual, a great success. Our circle is becoming very imposing, and our chatter and laughter are enough to raise the roof of any ordinary house. The enjoyment was materially heightened by the arrival of a five-pound box of chocolates, the customary offering from any man who becomes engaged to one of the chapter.

Now at last we can settle down to a saner life, and restore the comradeship which, to a certain extent, was forced into the background during the excitement of rushing. Although we are determined to be as economical as possible, we hope to be able to find the spirit of fraternity without its more luxurious wrappings, for we

feel that the strain which we all experience this year makes our mutual friendship more necessary than ever before.

The fraternity chapters here are not altogether satisfied with the regulations which were adopted by Panhellenic, for sophomore rushing in Queen's hall, the women's residence. They are considering now the advisability of allowing each fraternity to give one or two parties for freshmen in the hall. An alternative suggestion is that Panhellenic should give one party and that each fraternity should give one. It makes matters rather complicated to have two sets of rushing rules.

Do domestic disturbances interest you? The most absorbing subject lately has been the fact that we have been forced to move just before the Christmas examinations. As the "grads" express it(?), our landlady "moved out on us." However, it is an ill wind that blows nobody good, for our new room is more convenient than the old one.

The university is to close early again this year in order to let the men go to the military camp on the first of May.

1 December 1915

Marjorie Reid

Our five initiates are: Fanny Storey '16, Margaret Nairn '18, Edith Alexander '16, Dudley Martin (a sister of Daintry Martin), and Freya Hahn '19. Our pledges are: Gladys Elliot and Elsie Graham '18.

Louis von Gunten '13, Muriel Cameron and Daintry Martin '14 were in the city for initiation.

'04 Maimie Millichamp is in New York for a few months.

'06 Maud Menten is doing research in St. Louis.

'09 Edith Atkin was in town for the last alumnae meeting. After Christmas she will be teaching in Toronto.

'10 Dora Mavor is producing the *Bluebird* at one of the settlements.

'14 Daintry Martin is teaching at Guelph collegiate.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

For the last two months or more we have been madly rushing around apparently with the weight of the world on our shoulders but when I sit, pen in hand, asking myself, "What has it all been about?" it would almost seem that much of the fuss and worry has been over trifles. However, a great deal has been done which can neither be classed as useless or trivial. On October 26 we initiated Helen Forbes, Genevieve Forbes and Ruth Baum. We also have two more pledges, Ruth Seymour of Laporte, Indiana, and Ingrid Ringnier of Olivia, Minnesota. Yes, we know our family is getting pretty large but you know what Roosevelt says!

All the various campus activities are going along as if on greased wheels. The Campus players gave their first play of the year, *The Admirable Critchon*, at Ravinia, November 14, and everyone, even to the faculty critic, considered it a success. On November 20

was our annual circus given by the joint Young Men's and Young Women's Christian associations.

All the women's fraternities have agreed to give up cozy on the last Friday of every month because at that time the Woman's league has arranged for lectures by a number of interesting women. We have also been enjoying a series of lectures given by the members of our own faculty and that they have been really worth while has been shown by the crowds that have been turned away every Tuesday evening for want of seating capacity. Junior prom is scheduled for December 10 and the tickets are selling in a way that is bound to insure success. In passing, we must not forget to mention our pet project, the Woman's building. Money is slowly but surely coming in and before very long we hope that our dream will be a reality.

29 November 1915

René Murray

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We supplied part of title, many commas, cut numerous superfluous capitals and blue pencilled the tabooed word "sorority."*]

'12 Ruth Ward Boswell, who was married at Flushing, N. Y. Oct. 20, is now living in Rockford, Ill.

'13 Marjory Benton is visiting in Aurora.

'14 Louise Chandler is still teaching school in northern Michigan.

'15 Edith Shelby is teaching seventh and eighth grades in Greenfield, Ind.

'15 Peggy Wilcox is doing a combination of teaching and settlement work in Ensley, Ala. a little mining town.

'14-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Allan Campbell (Alma Swain) a daughter. Their home is now in Bakersfield, Calif.

'15 Mabel Keig is teaching music and dramatic art in Stanley hall, Minneapolis.

'15 Dot Martin is going to a polytechnical school in Kansas City.

'15 Frieda Sidell is teaching high school in Sidell, Ill.

Sara Wheelock '15, Norma Cullen, Edna Johnson and Florence Shaw went down to Illinois to the Illinois-Northwestern game.

Dorothy Scott has announced her engagement to Ralph Himstead of the University of Illinois. Mr. Himstead is a member of Acacia.

Norma Cullen and René Murray are going down to Junior prom at Illinois.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

On October 4, Upsilon pledged six upperclassmen and six freshmen. Upperclassmen are Lillian Wedum and Helen Wedum, Alexandria, Minnesota; Linda McLain and Mildred Lammers, Minneapolis; Gladys Blaine, Redfield, South Dakota; Alice Harker, LeMars, Iowa. With the exception of Gladys Blaine, who will be initiated with the freshmen second semester, our upperclassmen were initiated November 23. Our freshmen are Elizabeth Brown, Lucille Chase, Madeline Milnor, Edith Cotton, Catherine Hartzell, and Francis Ackley, all of Minneapolis.

This year freshman training is being carried on most successfully under the direction of Ruth Dale of the class of 1916. The freshmen come to the house for half an hour before each meeting to receive

instruction and to report on assigned work, and then stay for spread after meeting. In October our freshmen gave a tea for the freshmen of all the other women's fraternities on the campus. Our example in thus trying to promote good feeling between the fraternities has since been followed by others, several similar teas having been given. On November 2, we invited Kappa Kappa Gamma to hold their meeting at our chapter house and then entertained them at spread. Kappa is building a beautiful new house just across the street from us, but at present they are homeless, so our hospitality was greatly appreciated.

To introduce our freshmen, we gave an informal dance October 22, at Tamarack Inn. Decorations of the conspicuously Halloween type, with cider and doughnuts, added to our fun.

The Twin City alumnae now send two representatives to each of our chapter meetings, and we send two active girls to their monthly meetings. This plan seems to make for better coöperation and closer sympathy between the alumnae and undergraduate Thetas.

As regards honors in college, Upsilon is far from being apologetic this year. To mention the more conspicuous of these honors we have the following: Maud Briggs holds one of the highest honors of the university, that of president of the Young Women's Christian association; Elizabeth Loomis is president of the Student council and chairman of junior advisors; Margaret Cotton is a member of the Student council; Ingerd Nissen and Mary Martin are respectively vice-president and secretary of the Women's self-government association; Francis Mix is a member of the Home economics council, and there are also six junior advisors who are Thetas.

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Marion Gray

'14 Florence Swanson was in Minneapolis for M E A convention in Nov.

'16 Muriel Thayer made A K X at Wellesley this fall.

'11 Katherine Pond has been East to attend the wedding of Ruth Ward, Tau, to Clarence Boswell, Σ A E, at Flushing, L. I. Oct. 20.

'10-ex Lillian Edgerton married Louis Mack in June. Address: The Aberdeen, St. Paul.

'11-ex Ruth Fuller married Dr Herman Campbell Stevens, Sept. 9. Address: 5719 Kenwood ave. Chicago, Ill.

'10 Jane Machan married Herbert E. Howes, Δ T, from Tufts, in Oct. Address: 709-7th ave. S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

'10-ex Helen Schutte married Wm. Kueffner in Oct.

Elizabeth Fisher Barker (Mrs F. T.) has recently gone to Tientsin, China, for three years, where her husband has been appointed to the chair of mining at Pei Yang university.

'15 Mabel Keig, Tau, is teaching expression at Stanley hall. She gave a toast at initiation banquet Nov. 23. Address: Stanley hall, Minneapolis.

The following alumnae returned for the Chicago game and U. of M. homecoming Nov. 13: Althea Heitsmith, Margaret Cant, Eleanor Jones, Florence Swanson, Virginia Mahoney, and Geneva Blodgett.

'16 Gladys Fischleigh, Delta, was here for the Chicago game Nov. 13.

Josephine Jacobs, Psi, visited meeting Oct. 26.

The following girls went to Madison for the Wisconsin game Nov. 20 and were entertained by Psi: Isabel Gibson, Frances Mix, Helen Leavitt, Lucille Boyeson, Florence Drewry, Margaret Cotton, Margaret Sanborn, Dorothy Gaver, Florence Dale, Ruth Dale, Ellen Goodrich, Mary Redmond, Mildred Lammers, and Marion Gray.

'13 Donna McKinstry Grant (Mrs C. F.) of Winnipeg was at meeting in Oct.

Dorothy Hume Parker (Mrs C.) of Brainerd was the guest of Irene O'Conner Skiles (Mrs T. D.) for a few days before the presentation of *Tango town* at the Auditorium Nov. 13. Mrs Parker had a leading part in the play.

Ruth Martin married Russel O. Webster, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, Nov. 25. Address: Akeley, Minn.

Ruth Magnussen has returned from Cleveland and Cincinnati, where she met many charming Thetas.

Among the alumnae present at initiation and banquet Nov. 23 were Audrienne Warner, Katharine Pond, Marion Miller, Marion Rickard, Luella Bussey, Muriel Harsha Campbell, Florence Pond, Jane Machan Howes, Clara Fanning, Bessie Scripture, Charlotte Stockwell, Helene Peck, Helen Traver, Mary Fraser, and Florence LaVayea.

Laura A. Merrill is attending Radcliffe college.

Mrs W. H. Davis (Grace Walther) is living in Oak Park, Ill.

Perrie Jones is attending the New York city library school.

Elizabeth Hofflin is supervisor of drawing in the public schools of Fari-bault, Minn.

'03 Helen Traver is in Minneapolis for the winter. Address: 52 S. 10th st.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Rushing season is now a thing of the past and we emerge triumphantly with ten attractive freshmen. They are Evelyn Flowers of Monrovia; Ruby Hale of San Francisco; Eleanor Marx of Palo Alto; Lola Bellingale of San José; Florence Bills of Sacramento; Dorothy Walsh of San Mateo; Marion Hill and Emily Loomis of Los Angeles; Alice Wells of Redlands.

Our Panhellenic system has been revolutionized, and instead of our former formal rushing season we have now adopted matriculation day pledging and the lawyer system and expect it to work successfully.

Doctor Branner, our well-loved president, has resigned and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur has been appointed to take his place. It seems especially fitting since Doctor Wilbur is a Stanford graduate, class of 1895. He is now Dean of the medical school in San Francisco.

Our big game fulfilled our highest expectations through a score of 30 to 0 in our favor and we definitely established the fact that strained intercollegiate relations with California did not affect the game financially or through lack of enthusiasm.

Stanford is considering plans for a huge open air theater, and a committee of prominent students has been appointed to consult with the faculty.

We have our full share of college honors this semester. Catherine Hutchinson '16 has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa; Mary Flowers '17 was elected to Masquers, the women's dramatic society; and Norah Parker '15 and Dorothy Albrecht '16 are our latest members in the women's honor society, Cap and Gown.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We completed the heading and punctuated this letter, as well as correcting six misspelled words. Excused perhaps as the regular chapter editor was absent from college.*]

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Syracuse is the same busy place now as of old. However, besides the rush of college work and "Hill" activities we are in the midst of "Billy Sunday" meetings. On November 17, Mr. and Mrs. Sunday were our guests at supper, which was served at five o'clock in order to accommodate Mr. Sunday. We all enjoyed meeting them very much, both because of the warmth and cordiality of their manner and because their daughter, Helen, is a Theta—from Alpha.

October 29 the Alpha Phis entertained us after chapter meeting at a cabaret stunt party. Besides affording a great deal of amusement it gave us the opportunity of getting better acquainted with our neighbors.

The following Sunday afternoon, October 31, we were "at home" to any of our alumnae who cared to call informally to meet our splendid class of sixteen freshmen.

Mabel Parker Stilwell (Mrs. Giles) entertained Chi's seniors at dinner November 10. After dinner chapter policies were discussed and altogether, a very delightful time was enjoyed.

November 13 was a gala day for Syracuse—the day of the Colgate game. Never before has there been a game which was more deserving the interest and enthusiasm of its 25,000 spectators. Fraternity houses were decorated with orange bunting, college men wore their class "lids" of orange and blue, and the women were resplendent with orange chrysanthemums, while alumni flocked back in swarms. Added to this was the well earned victory which we have worked for so many years.

Chancellor Day and the faculty voted to give us a three day vacation at Thanksgiving time. Formerly the holiday included simply one day.

We are proud to say that in the fall class elections we came out most successfully. Frances Caffisch '16 was elected vice-president and Alice Taylor secretary of the sophomore class. Kathleen Webster was chosen vice-president of the freshman class.

Zohe Stokes '17 was elected junior delegate by Women's league to represent Syracuse university at the Student government conference held at Western Reserve, Cleveland, November 11-13.

Dean Street returned to his office in Teachers' college this fall, almost recovered from his illness of last winter. However, he was not strong enough to conduct classes and has since then suffered from a bad fall which has compelled him to remain at home entirely.

On October 20 we entertained at a dancing party for our freshmen. Since the entering class is so large we divided the chapter into two groups, one of underclassmen and the other of upperclassmen, the latter entertaining on October 23.

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Louise Balsley

'98 Gertrude Virdil Brown (Mrs Wallace) is now living in Syracuse.

'04 Beatrice Throop is in Cleveland this winter.

'07 Maude Merrit Davis (Mrs D.) is in Geneva, Switzerland. She is fully recovered from her long illness and is now on her way to join her husband.

'09 Bricea Wright Faus (Mrs H.) is now living at 74 Elliot ave. Yonkers, N. Y.

'13 Ruth Fisher is teaching in Buffalo.

'13 Anna Payne, Alpha Delta, visited her sister Evalyn '18 at the chapter house, Nov. 19.

'14 Miss Bartlett, Lambda, visited the chapter Nov. 5.

Bricea Wright '09, Mildred Baird '14, Katherine Rowley '15, Ruth Newman '15, Ruth Audas '15, Jane Scott '15-ex, Mabel Chapin '15, Mabel Brindley '15, Helen Romig '16-ex, Esther Waldron '16-ex, Ruth Mixer '17-ex, Edna Long '17-ex, and Helen Volckmann '18-ex were here for the Colgate game.

Marie Stoddard '14 and Ruth Audas '15 visited the chapter house Oct. 29.

Mabel Chapin '15 and Helen Volckmann '18-ex attended the freshman dance.

'16-ex Helen Romig is visiting the chapter house for a few weeks.

'16-ex Esther Waldron, who left college at the end of first semester last, expects to resume her work this January.

'18-ex Helen Volckmann is planning on returning to college for second semester work.

'18 Alletta Henderson and Margaret Shuman attended the Harvard-Yale game at Boston, Nov. 20.

'19 Katherine Willis attended the Yale-Princeton game, Nov. 13.

'14 Marie Stodard stopped at the chapter house, Nov. 28, on her way to Skaneateles, where she is teaching.

'15 Thyra Stiles and Ruth Audas visited the chapter house Nov. 27.

'16 Irene Lewis as first vice-president of Women's league attended the conference at Cleveland. While there she met many Thetas, especially of the Cleveland alumnae chapter.

We have two new pledges, Dorothy Rice '16, Buffalo, and Edna Laurie '19, Scranton.

Married, Bessie Wands and R. V. Burgess. Address: 1107 S. 47th st. Philadelphia, Pa.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

We have pledged two freshmen since the last letter was written, Cora Mautz, Madison, and Jennette Lindsley, Marion, Indiana. Also Mary Heiskell of Alpha Eta and Beatrice Tabor of Alpha Nu have affiliated with us. After the strenuous rushing was over, we had time to think of our last year's pledges, whom we initiated September 29, thus adding seven more to our active chapter. Elizabeth

McGregor was the only one of the girls pledged this fall eligible for initiation. On October 25 she became a real Theta.

Psi has been exceptionally favored this year in getting to know girls of other chapters. Ten of us were at the installation of Alpha Psi at Lawrence college. For the Home-coming game November 20, a large number of Minnesota and Lawrence Thetas were our guests for the week-end. We find it very profitable to meet and get ideas from other chapters.

We have a very large class of freshman pledges, twenty-three in number. In order to keep them together and give them the proper Theta spirit, we have had them organize and hold meetings in one of the rooms of the chapter house at the same time we have our chapter meeting. In their meetings at present, they are making bandages for the Red Cross society. Also at each meeting a member of the active chapter talks to them on some subject chosen by the chapter president.

Among our social good times have been, an open house to introduce our pledges to the men of the university; a buffet supper for the Madison alumnae chapter; a hayride and party afterwards, given by the seniors; a dance at Lathrop hall; a cotillion dance given for the Minnesota and Lawrence girls, in the chapter house.

We are represented on the hockey teams as follows: senior team, Charlotte Bodman, Anita Pleuss, Marion Conover; junior team, Gladys Buchner, Laura Hayward, Elizabeth McGregor; sophomore team, Georgiana Garner; freshman team, Cora Mautz, Viola Pleuss and Gertrude Bradley. Anita Pleuss was chosen for the varsity hockey team.

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Mary Ashby

Among the girls back for Home-coming were: '14 Josephine Glidden, '14 Lucille Marshall, '15-ex Marie Hitchins, and Julia Doe.

'99 Grace Cloes Steadman (Mrs Horace) visited the chapter house Oct. 6.

'10 Ethel Rose Taylor visited in Madison for over a week beginning Nov. 14.

'12 Olive Simpson was here Nov. 3.

'15 Margaret Curry was down for the Ohio State game and for Thanksgiving day.

'16-ex Betty Starr had to leave college the first of the semester because of an attack of typhoid fever. She has now recovered sufficiently to return to her home in Greeley, Colo.

'17 Ruth Robertson, '17 Gladys Buchner, '17 Lois Clark went down for the Chicago game and stayed with Tau.

The girls who went to the installation of Alpha Psi were: '15 Lucille Pritchard, '15 Charlotte Bodman, '15 Marion Conover, '15 Margaret Whitehead, '15 Katharine Miller, '17 Georgia Ebbert, '17 Helen Knowlton, '17 Genieve Penhallegon, '17 Laura Hayward, '12 Hester Harper.

'15 Lucille Pritchard and Laura Hayward visited '14 Mary Buell at the University of Illinois.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

November 13 was our Woman's big athletic day. In the morning we had interclass hockey and swimming meets, then a basket luncheon in the gymnasium, with tennis and track meets in the afternoon. The freshmen came off victors in all but the track meet, where the juniors proved the best athletes. It was altogether a very successful day and has been inaugurated as a yearly custom.

But what has set every tongue in the college world so busily wagging the last few weeks has been our big football games against the University of Washington. The first one held on our field on November 6 was a decisive defeat for us, but we tried to console ourselves by remembering that it was our first year of American football. However, our spirits were not crushed for long, for the next Saturday our team went north and, though we lost to our hosts again by a score of 13 to 7, we felt rather the glory of the conquered. That expresses it mildly, for when the football men returned the following Monday night, all the student body went down to meet them and held an impromptu rally. From the noise and enthusiasm one would have thought our score had at least tripled theirs.

We have two forms of charitable movements of which to tell you. Remembering the old adage, "Charity begins at home," the freshmen are giving a performance to raise money for a furnace, which is the pipe dream of our chapter. All the alumnae are planning to come and help us to realize all the comforts of a home. Then, having warmed ourselves with this pleasant thought, we have all donated to the Belgian relief fund, for which there has been active campaigning.

The term has flown by so quickly that we were aghast to find our examinations looming more than life-size on the horizon. We are going to have a Christmas party with joke gifts. The time for the party has been set for late in the examination season that we may all go home for the holidays with the last impression of the term more pleasant than the thoughts of the "finals."

This is all the news for this term, but by the time you next hear of us, we will be able to tell you how our new Panhellenic rushing rules, with the written invitations, are working out.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We supplied a heading and considerable punctuation.*]

'12 Esther Merrill has announced her engagement to Mr Percival Fay, instructor of French in the university.

'14 Edith Clapp Snook and her little daughter have been visiting in Berkeley for several weeks.

'14 Dorothea White Allen has been visiting in Berkeley.

'13 Alive Hicks Muma has been up from the South for the Exposition.

'14 Clotilde Grunsky is actively interested in the Women's employment bureau of San Francisco.

'15 Catherine de Motte has been visiting in Berkeley for several months.

'19 Esther Stevens has taken out a leave of absence for the following year.

'14-ex Margaret Moore and Donald McClure were married last Sept.

Esther Clark has been visiting about the bay.

'14 Elizabeth Eames is attending Bryn Mawr.

Helen Bolster, Edith Brawley, Louise Cordin, and Clare McDonald, all Alpha Lambdas, were at the Theta house for luncheon the day of our Washington game.

Married, Carolyn Waite and G. M. Waters. Address: Miller, So. Dak.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Our big event in October was the celebration of Founders' day. Governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania and Governor Miller of Delaware, who is also an alumnus of the college, delivered addresses in the afternoon. In the evening the students presented *The shoemaker's holiday*, an Elizabethan comedy. Helen Coles '17 played one of the leading rôles.

November brought with it the climax of the football season in the game with Haverford college, which was played on Whittier field November 20. Some five thousand people gathered to see the unique contest between the old Quaker rivals.

We have been honored this year by visits from three distinguished men. On November 3, John Spargo, famous socialist, gave two lectures, *Socialism and the war*, and *The real meaning of socialism*. Norman Angell, the Englishman whose book *The great illusion* has attracted so much attention, addressed the student body on November 9; and later in the month David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford university, gave a most interesting talk on the Peace movement in connection with the present war and the possible action of neutral countries in promoting peace.

Dr. Benjamin F. Battin, head of the German department, has been recalled to Europe to continue the work he carried on last year as International organizer of the World alliance of churches for promoting international friendship.

Initiation comes late this year because of the chapter ruling that freshmen must have an average of C before joining the fraternity, and mid-semester marks are necessary to ascertain their standing. Katherine Simons, one of our seniors, has generously invited us to hold initiation at her home in the village. The date set is December 4. We are planning to have a supper afterwards with one of the alumnae, Mrs. Walter Roberts, as toastmistress. Needless to say, we are looking forward to a joyous occasion.

Gladys C. Hall

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—We corrected form of dates and cut out many extra capitals.]

'09 Helen Underhill and Hollingsworth Wood were married on Oct. 28. Address: Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

'12-ex Born to Vernon Waddell Bassett (Mrs Arthur) a son, James Waddell, July 6.

'12 Mary Osgood and Thomas R. Taylor, K Σ , were married June 7. They are living in Chicago, at 5511 University Pl.

'14-ex The engagement of Marjorie M. R. Gideon to John McGuire is announced.

'14 Constance T. Ball is Industrial secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Lowell, Mass. Address: 50 John st.

'15 Jessica Granville-Smith is working on the staff of a Philadelphia morning paper, the *North American*.

'15-ex Helen Bernshouse was married to Charles A. Smith, K Σ , Nov. 6. They are living at 1737 N. Felton st. Philadelphia.

Marian Simons is teaching in the Swarthmore high school.

Florence Doan, who took postgraduate work here last year, is teaching English and domestic science at Falmouth, Ind.

'17-ex Sarah Rogers is doing social service work among the mountain people near her home at Asheville, N. C. She will return to college next year.

'92 Annie Hilborn has been giving a course of lectures on *Kindergarten methods for the Sunday school* at the Woolman school of religious and social education at Swarthmore.

'00 Born to Mr and Mrs Arthur C. Jackson (Edith Wilson) on June 3, a daughter, Elizabeth Wilson Jackson.

'01 Mary W. Lippincott and Dr John Milton Griscom were married on Oct. 16. They are living at 314 E. Central ave. Moorestown, N. J.

'04 A son was born to Mr and Mrs T. H. Dudley Perkins (Alice Sullivan) on Sept. 19, who is named T. H. Dudley Perkins, jr.

'06 Mary Cranston Hodges (Mrs Thos.) is living in Syracuse, N. Y.

'06 Mr and Mrs Spencer Lawrence Coxé (Mary Janney) have a daughter, Barbara, born on June 20.

'12-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Justice Mitchell (Lydia Green) on Sept. 20, a daughter named Sara Sharpless Mitchell.

'15 Brettia Crapster is the Field secretary for the American playground association.

'15-ex Virginia Hawkins and Frederick P. Bills, Cornell, ΔT , were married on Nov. 13, and will live in New York.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

We are all so busy with holiday spirit tugging at one extreme and mid-semester examinations at the other, that little is to be found in the News department.

Despite these duties, Alpha Gamma is doing her utmost this year to make her study programme both interesting and instructive, so Wednesday at 4 p. m. finds each Theta earnestly rehearsing what she is going to say on her topic. We are trying purely business meetings this year. Heretofore our meetings have been of a social nature as well, and held on Saturdays, but matinées and games furnished such ample excuses for absences that we have set aside Wednesdays for chapter meetings and Saturdays for the social hour. There is no fine for Saturday absences, but for Wednesday the penalty hangs heavy.

At the women's Panhellenic dinner, October 21, it was decided that the city and university Panhellenic associations would coöperate

and hold a Christmas bazaar on December 9 and 10, the proceeds to furnish funds for girls who otherwise might have to withdraw from college because of financial deficiencies. There are plenty of such girls worthy of help, and this will enable the fraternities to prove to outsiders that they do not exist for purely selfish motives.

November 26 was Ohio State Day. Two thousand alumni rallied to the celebration held at the Men's union. Not only did those on the campus hear the chimes peal forth with "Carmen Ohio," but by means of extensive telephone connections the alumni gathered at San Francisco in the far west and New York in the east also heard their alma mater song as it was being played. Isn't that making both ends meet?

The Stroller dramatic club is to present two one act plays, *The shades of night* and *The dear departed*, in the Chapel, December 10. One of our number will take part in both plays. The Chapel is being made festive with new paint, scenery, and a velvet curtain.

That the next year be the happiest and best for each and every Theta is Alpha Gamma's hearty wish.

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Elizabeth F. Lyons

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—We reduced numerous extra capitals and corrected every date form.]

Born to Mr and Mrs W. I. Rounsevall (Elizabeth Chamberlain) a son, George Wallace, Oct. 2, 1915, Seattle, Wash.

The wedding of Helen Barnhill and Wayne F. Lee, Φ Δ Θ, will take place Dec. 14, 1915.

The engagement of Catherine Willard to J. Stanton Mossgrove, Φ Γ Δ, has just been announced.

Mrs Kendal Overturf will leave Dec. 2 for Pittsburgh, where she will assist in the installation of the new chapter.

Margaret Rucker, Alpha Tau, spent the week of Nov. 8 with Ruth Segrist.

Prof and Mrs W. M. Rider (Grace Vance) announce the birth of a son, Rowland Vance, on Aug. 23, 1915. Address: 536 E. Colvin st. Syracuse, N. Y.

ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Fall days went by with a rush, crowded with the fun and excitement, yes—and anxiety, too, of rushing season. Although only three formal parties were permitted each fraternity, scarcely a day went by without some informal rushing stunts. Our real rushing parties consisted of a tea, a house-party, and an informal evening party. On November 13, we were proud and happy to pledge these twelve girls: Virginia Davis and Christine Haines of Clarkesburg; Catherine Simpson, of Somerset; Margaret Dixie, of New York; Belle Taylor, Rita Winkelman, Lillian Sheppard, Lubelle Sheppard, Lilly Wegner, Katherine Hellfrisch, Hilda Malone, and Mary Carter, all of Baltimore. All of our pledges are freshmen, except Virginia Davis, a junior. On the afternoon of pledge day, we were entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Sidney Miller.

Rushing had no detrimental influence on college activities. Agora, our literary and dramatic society, gave, as the first play of the year, *Rose of the wind*, a delightful little fairy tale. The honors of the evening went to Edna Haymaker '18, who was most appealing as "The Fairy." The most important athletic events, so far, have been the tennis tournament, won by the seniors, and the hockey tournament, which will be decided this week. The college is busily discussing the advisability of Goucher's entering into intercollegiate contests.

And, in addition to all this, scholarship is being stressed more than ever before. The fifteenth of every month is surely "Blue Monday" at Goucher, for this is the day on which the marks for the month are sent in to the president. This innovation has brought about a system of monthly quizzes, heretofore unknown to Goucher. In this way, our president is kept constantly informed about each student's work, and close attention is paid to fraternity scholarship.

29 November 1915

Flora Winkelman

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—We completed the title and amplified some abbreviated words.]

'11 Adele Hopkins Phraemer (Mrs C. Edgar) was visiting in Baltimore for a few days during Nov.

'12-ex Margaret Gutelius Town (Mrs Edwin) of Narbath, Pa. visited Katherine Lindsay.

'13 Helen Harrison and '14 Dorothy Wilson are doing social settlement work at the Bishop Paret memorial.

'14 Eleanor Annon is teaching at the Friends school of Baltimore.

'15 Grace Haymaker and Virginia Snyder visited in Baltimore during Thanksgiving week.

Martha Speakman, Alpha Beta, visited Alpha Delta during rushing.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

With thirty-four pledges and upperclassmen, Alpha Eta is launched upon what promises to be a very successful year both with regard to our college and our fraternity.

Beginning this year, Vanderbilt and Peabody college for teachers are correlated in their work. Students matriculated at one institution can take one-third of their work at the other and have it count on their degree. This is certainly proving of great advantage to the students. The system of quality points has also been introduced into the university this year.

We wish to announce two new pledges, Maria Slemmons and Evilena McCauley.

Five of the cabinet members of the Young Women's Christian association are Thetas. They are Elise Chase, vice-president, and Louise Lipscomb, Helen Adamson, Ellen Duffy, Mary Jo Harwell, chairmen.

Mary Jo Harwell was appointed by the Chancellor as only coed member of the university student council.

In the Dramatic club cast this year Evelyn Norton has a leading part and Mary Jo Harwell, Elise Manly, Helen Fields, Linda Rhea, Adelaide Haggard, Mary L. Crawford, Elsa McGill, and Francis Cheeley have minor parts.

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Elise Chase

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We cut superficial capitals, added much punctuation, amplified abbreviations, and rearranged date and signature.*]

Born to Mr and Mrs Bain Stewart (Rose Tate) a son, in April, 1915.

Sarah Southall of Birmingham, Ala. was with us for a visit in Oct.

Eunice Jackson has been visiting in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr and Mrs Oscar Nelson (Henrietta Sperry) are located in Hoochow, China, where Mr Nelson is a medical missionary.

Roberta Dillon is taking work at Peabody this year.

Sadie Shofoner visited Dean Tolman and family early in Nov.

Elizabeth Cook came from Franklin for our first initiation.

Elaine Jones is studying voice and piano at the New England conservatory of music.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

As soon as university life had settled into its usual routine after the excitement of rushing week, Alpha Theta held pledge service for her eighteen new pledges. To the seventeen pledges announced in the last JOURNAL, the chapter takes pleasure in announcing another, Phyllis Barkdull, of New Orleans, Louisiana, whose two older sisters are Thetas of Alpha Phi.

On October 6, the chapter attended the wedding of Anne Thornton to Mr. Jas. Philip Nash, Kappa Sigma. Miss Thornton was an active member of Alpha Theta in '08-'09 and '09-'10. Although she has not been in college since that date, she has been one of our most interested and earnest members. Mr. and Mrs. Nash will make their home in Austin.

The chapter entertained on October 30 with the annual Halloween party for its freshmen. The house was decorated in black and gold with Halloween symbols. The guests came masked in fancy dress, and enjoyed informal dancing until the supper hour.

Our District president, Mrs. Gafford, was in Austin a few days of the following week with Mrs. Maco Stuart. While here, Mrs. Gafford spent a great deal of her time helping the girls straighten out chapter affairs, and in discussing scholarship at the University of Texas with the faculty. We appreciate fully Mrs. Gafford's interest and her success in making us experience a new feeling of determination.

Mrs. Forde, Grand vice-president, was with us the week-end of November 5, 6 and 7. The girls were all charmed with Mrs. Forde, and feel that she has put new spirit into Alpha Theta. Her visit

helped us make the pledges really see the national side of the fraternity, which Alpha Theta finds hard to impress upon her new members, because she is so far south. The chapter feels deeply indebted to Mrs. Forde for her success in making us realize the importance of chapter efficiency both in college and in fraternity life. Mrs. Forde suggested many rules beneficial along such lines, and Alpha Theta has adopted them in a body. The chapter hopes that Mrs. Forde will make us another visit before the year is over. Mrs. Gafford also visited the chapter the three days Mrs. Forde was with us.

The eighteen Austin alumnae held a meeting while Mrs. Forde was here, and elected officers for the Alumnae chapter, whose charter has been applied for. The members of Alpha Theta are very interested in the success of the sister alumnae chapter.

17 November 1915

Margaret Myrick

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We completed heading, amplified many abbreviations, blue pencilled many redundant clauses.*]

Thelma Barkdull, Alpha Phi, of New Orleans, La. will be with us for the fall term.

Louise and Lucy Johnson of San Marcos have made several week-end visits with Alpha Theta.

Sallie Wynne of Huntsville, Texas, spent the week-end of Oct. 16 and 17 with us.

'12 Elaine Lewis is teaching in Coronell institute, San Marcos, Texas.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs W. Metzenthin (Aileen Sykes) a son.

'12-ex Helen Lidstone, who has been sick at Seton infirmary for some months, was well enough to return home the first week in Nov.

Undine Brown, Alpha Phi, is teaching in Cedar Valley, Texas. Miss Brown spent the past week-end with us.

Mr and Mrs W. T. Everts, Eta, are making their home in Austin, where Mr Everts is connected with the Engineering department of the university.

Ethel Rather was married to Mr Villanaso, professor of French in the university, June, 1915.

'13 Cornelia Johnson is teaching in Hearne.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

After two weeks of rushing we are proud to announce the pledging of nine splendid freshmen on October 4. They are Rebecca Stites, Eleanor Cozzens, Gretchen Bilharz, Etta Reller, Louise Jackson, Jean Brookes, Lucy Taylor, Frances Mably, and Emily Logan. Two of these girls—Rebecca Stites and Gretchen Bilharz—have been chosen for Clais, which is the freshman honorary society.

As soon as the worry of arranging rush parties was over, we started upon the plans which resulted in our Kat's Karnival, held on the afternoon and evening of October 26, in the girls' gymnasium of the university. The room was decorated in black and gold and autumn leaves; and there were all the attractions of a carnival, including a picture gallery and side show, and the usual ice cream cones and

crackerjack. The affair was a great social as well as financial success.

We are looking forward now to our birthday party on November 29, when many of our alumnae and all of our actives will be present. It will be held in our rooms, of which we are very proud since they have just been redecorated. We have had the walls tinted in a soft shade of tan, and have bought a new rug and draperies.

Yet in spite of the numerous things in the chapter which have kept us busy, the girls have found time for hockey, and Theta is well represented on each of the class teams, which are now playing for the championship.

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Lucile Logan

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We supplied the heading.*]

'10 Anne Fisher is studying at Pratt institute this winter. She is living at 223 Ryerson st. Brooklyn, N. Y.

'15 Fanny Cushing is teaching in Webster Groves this winter.

'16 The engagement of Senta Retter and Leo McCarthy, BΘΠ, was announced Nov. 15.

'18 Rachel Metcalfe, Ruth Horton, and Frances Wendl took part in the play, *Jack straw*, produced by Thyrsus club in Nov.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

Alpha Kappa is in the midst of a flurry of excitement; rushing season is in mid-bloom. We had our first informal tea in November. On Friday, December 3, we have our formal banquet, to which we are eagerly looking forward, hoping to have a good time and to become better acquainted with our freshman guests, for with our short rushing season here, we greatly deplore the fact that we have scarcely an opportunity to learn to know the girls well.

Every two weeks we have supper meetings in the College house, each class taking turns entertaining. We always invite our nearest alumnae, and thus have a jolly little reunion over our bits of salad and tea.

We have had some exciting discussions in Panhellenic this year, one of the topics under consideration was the founding of an all-fraternity house, since our college being a small institution, and boasting five fraternities, Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, and Phi Mu, each chapter cannot help but be somewhat limited in numbers; so to alleviate the expenses of each fraternity supporting its own rooms, it was considered a feasible project to combine finances and secure one permanent establishment, run on equal sharing of expenses and privileges. But needless to add, this motion was not carried.

We are very happy to announce the pledging of a junior, Marion Murphy, and a sophomore, Dorothy McDonald.

A Mission study class, which is connected with the Young Women's Christian association, has been organized at Adelphi, and meets once a week for the discussion of foreign conditions. One of the college students, whose birth-place was India, has been giving lectures on India and its people, and has succeeded in interesting a great many of the girls in their sisters of the far East.

Alpha Kappa's best wishes for a successful year.

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Adine Gomers

'15 Clarissa Pettit is teaching in Froebel academy.

'15 Marjorie Bartlett is teaching domestic science in public school number 75.

'12-ex Married on Nov. 4, Clara Mahler to Howard Maeder.

'15 Harriet Smith is teaching English in the New Haven high school.

'11 Mrs Charles Maxwell, jr. (Estelle Conselyea), who lives in Chicago, is visiting Marie Balmano.

'14 Mrs Frank Jones (Evelyn Thompson) spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her family.

'07 Grace Commisky is in town.

'09-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Walter Grant (Marjorie Commisky) a daughter.

'10 Born to Mr and Mrs George Hathaway (Regina Gorman) a daughter.

'09-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Hugh B. Conover (Edna Stoughton) a son.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Washington's biggest event, this season, and indeed for many seasons, has been the establishment of a closer relationship with the University of California, through competition in football. Four of our girls, Helen Bolster, Claire McDonald, Edith Brawley, and Louise Corbin took the glorious trip down on "The Congress" for the game which brought to our seven-time-champion team the score of 72 to 0, and to Alpha Lambda, tales of the splendid chapter at Berkeley. Although upon California's return trip we won by a close margin of 13 to 7, we felt most rewarded by the quickening of college spirit that our hard won games have inspired.

Three new faces are found among our much prized group of pledges, Louise Corbin '19 of Portland, who has many Theta friends there, Dorothy Jones '19 of New York City, who makes our second major's daughter, and Elizabeth Drummond '16 of Tacoma, a sister of two Alpha Lambda girls.

Of four girls, who made the Dramatic association, this semester, three are Thetas, Mary Wright '17, Katherine Kerr '18, and Elizabeth McLean '19. All of them were given parts in the play, *Pomander walk*, to be given December 4.

Five of the girls made the class crews, sophomore: Evelyn Goodrich, Harriet Smith and Avadana Cockran, and freshman: Helen York, and Elizabeth McLean, who was chosen as substitute.

Ysabel Patton is secretary of the senior class, and Grace Uhl of the Whatcom county club.

The alumnae tea, in honor of the freshmen, was given November 10. The informal, also in their honor, given November 6, and several "ten o'clocks," were the means of the new girl's meeting the fraternity men.

A system of exchange dinners has recently been inaugurated by Panhellenic, upon the suggestion of one of our girls, in order to promote a more friendly spirit among the fraternities.

Our thoughtful alumnae are planning to give a Christmas bazaar, at which fancy work and "goodies" will be sold to increase our house fund for the new home we hope to have next year.

At the first faculty dinner we entertained Dean Ethel Coldwell, Mrs. Coldwell, Mrs. Scribner and Miss Scribner, our new Young Women's Christian association secretary.

We were so glad to welcome Eleanor Hopkins, Alpha Delta, who visited Washington in the official capacity of North West student field secretary, the week of November 7. We are all very proud of so lovely and interesting a Theta.

Marjorie Kohlman

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—When received, this letter had no heading, contained many abbreviated words, countless capitals, and "sororities."]

Born to Mr and Mrs B. B. Hussey (Ruth Axtell) Oct. 23, a son.

Helen Calhoun is visiting relatives in California.

Mrs J. F. Uhl, the mother of one of our pledges, is a guest at the house.

We wish to correct the statement that Mary Wright '17 is engaged to John Heines; it is Tom Heines, Δ K E, of Washington.

Beulah Holman Titus is living in Turlock, Cal. where her husband is a successful lawyer.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

We have two more names to add to the list of those pledged—Madeline Aull of Lamar, and Lula Turner, of Odessa. The latter is a graduate student and so could be initiated with Dorothy Worrell, Dorothy Blanks, and Helen Parr who came from junior colleges. Initiation was held October 27, and was followed by the usual buffet supper. Our freshmen, following the precedent established last year, entertained the other fraternity freshmen at a tea, November 20. In the evening they gave a very successful dance.

Mrs. Grigsby, our chaperon, has been away for some time, staying with her daughter who has been very ill. We hope to have Mrs. Grigsby with us soon, although Julietta Zeitz had been a very capable chaperon.

"Get acquainted" parties have been held by a number of college organizations. The Young Women's Christian association had a Dutch supper, and the Self-government association, a stunt party. The Athletic association had a "Comic-paper" party to which came numerous Katzenjammers, Mr. Georges, Happy Hooligans and other characters.

Irma Gruner was made assistant treasurer of the Athletic association. Since the members of this organization have been allowed the privilege of using the Stevens college swimming-pool at certain hours, the membership has greatly increased. Hockey season is almost over. There are a number of Thetas on the teams—one on the senior, three on the junior, and one on the sophomore.

Frances Dulaney has been made a member of L. S. V., a senior organization to which five representative girls are elected each year.

We had the privilege of hearing Fritz Kreisler last month, and the St. Louis Symphony orchestra this month. Other treats are promised for the rest of the season, including Paderewski who is to come in January.

Everyone has been in a state of great excitement the last few days, because of the game with Kansas. Hundreds of visitors were in town, and to help entertain them, a downpour started just as the game was called. A number of our alumnæ came back. We were so glad to have them and wish that we could have kept them longer. Several of them, however, have promised to return for the birthday banquet.

A happy and successful New Year to all Thetas from Alpha Mu.

Helena Wilbur

'11 Mr and Mrs Richard Bowen (Eloise Bramlett) are at home at Blytheville, Ark.

'13-ex Mary Paxton is teaching in Change, Mont.

'14 Olive Koken is studying music in New York.

'14 Temple Kean is teaching in Memphis, Tenn.

'15-ex Susan Wilson was married to Osmond in Nov. 1915.

'17-ex Constance Limerick was married to Maurice Wolfers, Φ K Ψ , on Oct. 18.

Efale Brown, Mrs John Fountain (Mary Noe), Mrs John Welsch (Nell Farley), Elizabeth Phillips, Temple Kean, Margaret Carrington, and Mrs Maurice Wolfers (Constance Limerick) were here for the game.

Mrs Paul Phillips and Mrs R. Burns were our guests at Thanksgiving.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

The girls of Alpha Nu are deep in hard work, for the semester is coming to a close. February 1, the day before the second semester begins is pledge day. The rushing season so far has progressed with success. December 10 is the date set for our big party. Rushing has included teas, breakfasts, dinners, escorting rushees to the football games and other university functions, with not more than two freshmen as guests, excepting to the games the theater and lectures, to which one fraternity girl may take not more than two rushees. This is due to this year's Panhellenic rules which state that only two formal parties may be given.

A dinner at the Florence hotel with a dance later in the evening at the Elks Temple is planned for December 10. The rushees will

be guests for the dinner and young men as guests in addition for the dance. The decorations will be suggestive of Christmas and a tree loaded with gifts will be a feature of the dance.

Montana played Syracuse on Thanksgiving day on the Montana field. This was the biggest game of the season and the girls of Alpha Nu stayed in Missoula for the game. A large number of the alumni came for the game. A full house, good cheer and happiness made the four days pass merrily. After the game the active members entertained their guests with an old-fashioned turkey dinner. An informal dance was given in the chapter house on Friday evening and on Saturday, groups of four and six hiked up Patlee Canyon. Sunday the fireplace claimed its share of girls. This reunion left enthusiasm, happiness and a desire for service to Kappa Alpha Theta with the girls of Alpha Nu.

Hazel G. Clay, a senior from Drake university, Des Moines, Iowa, was pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta on November 25.

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M. Margaret Garvin

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We completed and corrected the heading.*]

'09 Mrs Ralph Gilham (Carrie Hardenburgh) visited her parents in Missoula during the Thanksgiving vacation.

'17-ex Arva Willoughby, who has been in Butte this year, came to Missoula for Thanksgiving and will visit the girls of Alpha Nu until the Christmas vacation begins.

'15 Bess Ann Rhoades was married Oct. 10 to Ernest Hubert, Σ X. Mr and Mrs Hubert are living at 408 Oak st. Missoula.

'09 Frances Nuckolls Kelly will return to the university for the second semester to take up postgraduate work.

'15-ex Hazel Lyman was married in Oct. to Walter Nickel. Address: Butte, Mont.

'14 Sadie Stabern, who is teaching in Helena, Mont. spent Thanksgiving with us.

'14 Alice Hardenburgh, who is teaching at Adeo, Mont. came to Missoula for the Montana-Syracuse football game.

'08 Born to Mr and Mrs James Bonner (Minta McCall) a daughter.

'15 Augusta Berg is attending the University of California this year.

'17-ex Helen Cothron, who is teaching near Billings, Mont. came to Missoula for Thanksgiving.

'15 Merle Kettlewell, who is teaching in Plains, Mont. spent Thanksgiving in Great Falls, the Guest of Frances Donaher, '17-ex.

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Just now we are joyous over the success of our first Home-coming day, and our victory over the Oregon "Aggies," our old rivals in football. In spite of a heavy rain and most discouraging odds, all against us, the wonderful old Oregon spirit won! The preceding day, November 20 was given over to the alumni and to all the visiting people of the state. In the morning, the fine new administration building on the campus, was dedicated as Johnson hall, in honor of the first president of the University of Oregon. At twelve all were

assembled in the Men's gymnasium, for luncheon, and after this the Big Game! In the evening all delightedly renewed old acquaintanceship and friendship at the dance given for the guests of the day, the "Home-comers."

A Women's building is needed on our campus. To start a campaign for raising funds for this, a progressive dinner was given by the women students. There were two circuits of five chapter houses each, one course being served at each house. Tickets were sold for fifty cents each. The proceeds amounted to approximately \$300. Since then various clubs and organizations have very generously subscribed to the fund until there is now a considerable part of the needed amount, and we are beginning to glimpse our building in the distance.

On October 29 Pi Beta Phi was installed here. Alpha Xi entertained the freshmen during installation.

Halloween we entertained with a dancing party. Four of the girls got up a clever little Yama Yama dance as a feature.

The fall issue of the Theta JOURNAL, it seems to Alpha Xi, brings so much to be regarded earnestly by all of us, and we thank you all for the nice letters, and the intimate little pictures of Convention that bring back to us those wonderful days when you were all with us here on the coast. "Who's Who in Theta" is most interesting, also.

Ruth Roche

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We added periods, corrected date forms and cut the tabooed word "sorority."*]

'08 Born to Mr and Mrs George W. Hug (Gladys McKenzie) a son, Nov. 12, at McMinneville.

'15 Hazel Rader is an instructor in the physical training department of the University of Oregon.

'14 Elizabeth Cowden is teaching in the high school at Silverton, Ore.

'15 Gertrude Taylor is at home in Albany, Ore.

'17-ex Maude Newberry is at home in Klamath Falls, Ore.

'17-ex Frances Heath is visiting in Illinois and Michigan.

'16 Edythe Rogers is attending Goucher college this year.

'17 Margery McGuire is attending Wellesley.

'17 Isabelle Garland is attending the State normal at Monmouth, Ore.

'17-ex Madge Barry is at the Lane hospital, San Francisco, preparing to become a nurse.

The following were with us Home-coming day: '12 Marguerite Rankin, '17-ex Irene Sullivan, '18-ex Beulah Hays, '17-ex Isabelle Garland, '17-ex Mable Smith, '17-ex Mrs Edith King Fleming, '17-ex Kate Schaefer, '14-ex Lora Jane Taylor, '15 Gertrude Taylor, '13 Eleanor McClain, '16-ex Myrtle Gram, '18-ex Alice Gram, '15 Helen Jane Hamilton, '12 Lucia Campbell.

ALPHA OMICRON—OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY

On June 10, 1915, Alpha Omicron closed her chapter house for the summer, after a successful year. With the closing of the year, we lost seven of our girls. Four of these, Grace Williams, Marion

Brooks, Edna Cash, and Laurel True, graduated. The other three are, Elizabeth Witcher, Pauline Carr, and Bess Westcott.

There were twenty-one alumnæ in Norman during Commencement week. Our house was full to overflowing with Thetas from all parts of the state. One of the most enjoyable events of the week was our picnic given for the alumnæ in honor of the seniors.

Saturday May 5, initiation was held at the chapter house for Bess Westcott, Oklahoma City. The following alumnæ conducted initiation, Luella Bretch, Jen Tolbert, Louise Hatchett, and Freda Ried.

On September 20, two days before the opening of college sixteen old girls returned, and with much happy hustle and bustle, the house was made ready for what has proved to be a very successful rushing season. Our rushing this year, with Lorena Cruce as rushing captain, was carried out along systematic lines. Perhaps the most attractive event was a formal breakfast which occurred Tuesday morning. Informal tea was held every afternoon from four to six.

We pledged nine girls; Margaret Goodrich and Frances Buchanan of Norman; Ruth Bretch, Hobart; Edwina Bradley, McAlester; Ruth Thompson and Ernestine Dodd of Oklahoma City; Margaret Coleman, Chickasha; Irene March, El Reno; and Mary Jarboe, Altus. Three of these, Margaret Goodrich, Ruth Bretch, and Mary Jarboe, are Theta sisters. Besides these nine pledges, Leona Galbreath of Tulsa, who left college at Christmas time, returned and her pledge was renewed.

A coming event which is causing much enthusiasm, is our week-end house-party for our mothers which is to take place the latter part of this month.

Frances Broach

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—We corrected dates, lowered unnecessary capitals and altered the tabooed word "school."]

Louisa Brooks' address is now 101 Waverly Place, New York, N. Y.

Elizabeth Witcher and Laurel True are teaching in Keifer, Okla.

Born to Mr and Mrs J. W. Madden, a son, Joseph Warren, jr. Sept. 9, 1915.
Address: Norman, Okla.

Born to Mr and Mrs Bennie Owen, a daughter, Ruth, on Aug. 4, 1915.
Address: Norman, Okla.

Mrs Everett DeGolyer spent the summer in Havana, Cuba.

Violet McDougal is now at the University of Missouri.

Harriet Patrick and Corinne Breeding attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Estes Park, Colo.

Pearl Goodrich Porter (Mrs E. S.) spent the summer in New York and Chicago.

Married: Ada May Eastland and Raymond McCurdy, June 23, 1915.
Address: Keifer, Okla.

Married: Gladys Williams and Joe Love, K Σ, July 7, 1915. Address: Purcell, Okla.

Glowrene Gentry, Freda Reid, Irene Sharp, Peach Rogers, Gladys Drennan, Lucille Westervelt, Margaret Gibbons, Mable Thacker, Hazel Martin, Harriet Patrick, and Louise Hatchett visited the California expositions.

The following alumnae were present at Commencement time: Mrs Ruby Givins Johnson, Mrs F. Carder, Yetta Alden, Mrs C. W. Wantland, Hazel Martin, Normer Feustemaker, Luella Bretch, Virginia Tolbert, Mary Virgin, Freda Reid, Mrs W. K. Larimore, Jo Ragland, Louise Hatchett, Elizabeth Eagleton, Marion Brooks, Mrs Everett DeGolyer, Mrs Erle Porter.

Engagement announcement: Louise Hatchett to Dr C. E. Clymer of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Harriet Patrick was recently elected secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

On October 16 we initiated the following girls, whom we have already found a strong addition to our chapter: Grace Kolars, Helen Tombs, Ruth Templeton, Merle Rutherford, Grace Swank, and Margaret Meredith. We held the service at the home of Ruth Whithed and the banquet at the Hotel Frederick. During the banquet a box of lovely pansies arrived from Devils Lake with greetings from Pauline Serungard.

The meeting of the North Dakota educational association here during the first week in November gave us a welcome opportunity for a Theta reunion. On Thursday and Saturday afternoons we had informal gatherings and on Friday evening we had a banquet, at which Jessie Budge was toastmistress. With our patronesses and visiting alumnae there were about fifty present.

We are proud of the fact that Kathleen Cowan has been elected president of the junior class, Ruth Soule is president of the Women's league, and Lois Tombs and Gertrude Healy are on the executive board. We have Ruth Soule, Ruth Templeton, Merle Rutherford, Gertrude Healy, and Winifred Nelson as active members of the Sock and buskin society and Grace Kolars on the reserve list. Merle Rutherford is secretary of this society and Winifred Nelson is press agent. Six of our girls are in the Girls' glee club, of which Gertrude Healy is president and Winifred Nelson manager.

Our new members and pledges entertained the rest of us at a banquet November 20. Merle Rutherford was a delightfully original toast-mistress.

The university oratorio and opera society, a new organization of about one hundred members, is to give the *Messiah* on December 16. Two distinguished guests at the university recently were Mr. Irving Batcheller, the novelist, and Mr. Percival Chubb, president of the Drama league of America.

Greetings of the season and a happy New Year to every proud wearer of the kite from Alpha Pi.

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Winifred Nelson

Engagements: '10 Echo Turner to James Brennan, Σ X. '11 (Oberlin) LaBelle Mahon to Merriam Stevens, Φ Γ Δ.

'15 Hazel Ladd and '17-ex Grace Loughin attended initiation.

'15-ex Gertrude Skinner is spending the year in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Those who were here during the Educational association meeting were: Helen Tombs Stockwell (Mrs W. L.), Upsilon, from Fargo; Marjorie Child Evans (Mrs Harry), Upsilon, from Crookston, Minn.; '08 Mary Flemington Strand (Mrs Albert), Ellendale; '11 Rose Conmy, Willow City; '13 Gretchen Oeschger, Crary; '13 Jessie Budge, Minot; '13 Gertrude Cunningham, Hatton; '13-ex Ethel Harris, Crookston, Minn.; '15-ex Clara Burman, Amenia; '15 Vaughan Miller, LaMoure; '15 Myrtie Halverson, Hillsboro; '15 Ethel Renwick, Cavalier; '15 Hazel Ladd, St. Thomas; '15-ex Gertrude Gould, Glenburn; '15 Inez Serumgard, McVile; '15 Catherine Hixon, Surrey; '15-ex Margaret Kolars, Kensal; '17-ex Grace Loughin, Johnstown.

ALPHA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Alpha Rho's 1915 rushing season was not the usual series of afternoon teas and dinners. Every affair was novel, original and a portrayal of our ability. While at the house-party at Big Stone Lake, we laid our plans for the entire season and arranged all details, thus eliminating the usual commotion at the beginning of the year. Being able to rush in our own home for the first time was also a new experience for us.

Jeanie Shannard, Bridgewater, Anna Moe, Canton; Juliet Lieu, Platte; and Edine Rowe, Fort Pierre, are the four fine girls which we were proud to pledge on October 13.

The annual freshman day was unusually successful because of the interesting interclass contests, followed by a big "Campus feed."

On Dakota day, Genevieve Kelley was elected the most popular girl in the university which vote entitled her to be "Miss Dakota." A circus parade, led by Miss Dakota proceeded from the campus to the station, where it met the Dakota-Wesleyan special train. Later the circus was held on the campus.

The football game with North Dakota was played at Sioux Falls on November 13. The students went to Sioux Falls on a special train. After the game we held our annual banquet at the Hotel Carpenter. Many alumnae were present at the game and banquet.

Alpha Rho's house girls and pledges spent an unusually pleasant Thanksgiving at the house.

We are making many plans for our bazaar to be held the first week in December, the proceeds are to be used for new rugs.

Lucy Fargo and Leila Cumming visited at the former's home in Redfield, where they met Gladys Blaine and Mary Redmond from Upsilon.

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Fern Wasen

Born to Mr and Mrs Whitmore (Pansy Austin) a son.

'13 Florence Gray was married to Benjamin Milman, Oct. 14.

'13 Florence Chaney was married to Bayard Waterbury, Nov. 18.

'15 Ella Gray spent Thanksgiving with friends in Vermilion.

'15 Laura Lotze spent her Thanksgiving vacation at her home in Vermilion.

ALPHA SIGMA—WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

It was with open arms that Alpha Sigma welcomed the first number of the 1915-1916 JOURNAL and interestedly read from cover to cover the account of convention proceedings and the work of our beloved Theta since last May.

The past nine weeks have been busy ones for us. Early established in the routine of college work we have put our heart and soul into the upbuilding of our Theta chapter and to rushing. Rushing—how that word makes us start—for we have had a long season of it. However, it will soon be over and long before this JOURNAL goes to press we shall have new pledges to introduce to Thetas everywhere. Fraternity material is unusually fine this year and we are working hard to bring the best of the best to Theta's ranks.

Thanksgiving vacation has just closed and we have three more weeks before another longer vacation at Christmas time. Many of the girls went home for the Thanksgiving vacation but a jolly crowd of "left-overs" kept the fraternity house ringing at all times. An informal Kensington was given at the house on Friday for Thetas and rushees who could not spend their vacation at home.

The greatest joy connected with mid-semester examinations is the fact that they were over—were over and forgotten before Thanksgiving vacation. The examinations seemed an unusual strain this year on both fraternity girls and rushees. It is to be feared that our long rushing season is making the problem of scholarship a difficult one and will play havoc with the grades of a large number of students.

Two things which claim the entire attention of Washington state college at the present time are the new president and the football team. We do not feel that our JOURNAL letter would be quite complete without mention of both of them. The new president of Washington state is Dr. E. O. Holland of Louisville, Kentucky, who has been elected by our Board of regents to succeed Dr. E. A. Bryan who resigned last spring. Dr. Bryan is the father of our Lila Bryan, now with Beta. Dr. Holland comes to us very highly recommended and it is with great interest that we are looking forward to the continuation of the work so wisely planned by his predecessor. The football team speaks for itself. All persons reading the sporting pages of any paper—Eastern, Middle western, or Western—could not fail to find an account of the wonderful "Dietz Machine" which brought a 29 to 0 defeat to the Oregon Aggies, who so completely overwhelmed the Michigan Aggies with a 20 to 0 score. How we wish you could all see them play the team from Brown university on New Year's day at Pasadena!

Alpha Sigma extends the heartiest welcome to the new chapters. May their lives be enriched and broadened by the new Thetahood which has come to them.

Ella Alexander

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We supplied this letter with a heading.*]

The chapter has been very fortunate this year in being able to entertain several prominent women who have visited the college under the auspices of the Twentieth century club. Among our guests have been Mrs Louise Van Ogle and Miss Van Ogle of Seattle, both prominent musicians; Miss Eleanor H. Rowland, a well-known psychologist and author of *The right to believe*, who is now Dean of women at Reed college, Portland, Ore.

Bess Ferguson took luncheon at the chapter house one day last month. Bess is a member of Alpha.

Mrs Persels, our housemother, has been called to North Yakima on business. Lora Green is chaperon at the house during Mrs Persels' absence.

Margaret Fawcett, Alpha Pi, who is cataloguer at the University of Idaho library, spent the week-end Nov. 20-22 with us.

'16 Ella Alexander represented the home economics department at the Eighth national apple show held at Spokane Nov. 15 to Nov. 20.

'14 Gladys Waller, who is teaching home economics at Sunnyside, spent Thanksgiving vacation in Pullman with her parents.

'17 Juanita Strong has been elected to membership on the Girls' quartette. Melcena La Follette is attending Leland Powers school of expression in Boston, Mass.

ALPHA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Cincinnati has just passed a sad Thanksgiving day. Of course that means that U. C. was defeated by Miami university! We must confess that it was a wonderful football game, nevertheless, and we are justly proud of our red and black.

We, Thetas, have had a more than usually happy beginning to this college year. Our informal dance, given in October, was a great success, if everyone enjoyed the evening as much as the hostesses.

Tri Delta gave a delightful "at home" for her sister fraternities at her new house, on November 18. A few days later, Kappa Delta entertained with a Tea dance, to which all the fraternity men and a number from each of the women's fraternities were invited.

Our Young Women's Christian association is having a most successful year under the leadership of Saradelle Emerson. The vice-president is also a Theta. Maybe some of you would be interested in our Young Women's Christian association book exchange, which was very active at the beginning of the year. Everyone wishing to dispose of their old books brought them to us, and everyone wishing to buy second-hand books also, came. Several hundred books were sold through the exchange and it was certainly voted a great success. Next year we are going to be more grasping and charge a small per cent for the good of the cause.

Our freshman girls are groaning under their new rules. Each little "Freshie" is branded by a large green button. Respect and homage to the upperclass girls are demanded. Such things as a "freshwoman" entering a room before her "Superiors" or blocking

their view in the mirrors is absolutely forbidden! The poor children say they are much abused, but we believe they are secretly delighted over the fuss which is being made about them.

Pledge day does not come until February, so we must wait until our next letter to give you the most interesting of all news items.

Happy New Year, dear Theta sisters!

Mary Corre

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—*We corrected one misspelled word, one grammatical slip, several wrongly written dates, the tabooed word "school," and enlarged some abbreviations.*]

'13 The engagement of Marie Thiesing and Robert Clarke has been announced.

'16-ex Margaret Rucker is now living in New York city.

Lucy Pfleger is spending the winter in Clearwater, Fla.

'18-ex Mary Landis made her début in Nov.

Mildred Canys, Alpha, is studying at the Cincinnati college of music.

ALPHA UPSILON—WASHBURN COLLEGE

Our fourteen splendid new pledges gave a most delicious spread for us the other day, and such a surprise they did give us afterward. They led us all out into the dining-room where we stood wonderingly about the table. Our president lifted a napkin from a mysterious something on the end of the table and behold, a tiny cook stove! How we laughed and clapped, because for a number of weeks one subject uppermost in our minds had been a cook stove and the where-with-all to purchase one. Our house-mother, Miss Josephine Bair, has done the loveliest things for us, made jelly, pickles, et cetera, until it almost seems like home, but our stove was a terrible hindrance. In fact it was almost impossible and growing worse every day. We had just decided to save our pennies and buy a new one on the installment plan, but we didn't know then what a little toy stove would do for us. In a moment our laughter changed to amazement for our president happened to open the miniature oven door and began to pull out bills—one, another, and another, and another until we counted \$42. Our little penny bank at home with \$1.35 in pennies in it; how pathetic it looks now!

We have been very happy about these girls ever since October 26, when all of our invitations were accepted and now we love them more than ever. To have them help us in such a splendid way, with so homely and common a need makes them seem almost to belong already. Our fears about fourteen being a dangerous number for a chapter of seventeen to take in are, we are certain, groundless. This year's freshman class was certainly rich in fine girls and even with fourteen, we had to deny ourselves a number of other very desirable ones. But I mustn't wait any longer to introduce them—There are the three sisters; Ruth Larimer, Topeka, Katherine Conk-

ling, Lyons, Jane Alexander, Topeka; the twins, Clara and Mae Beaver, Sabetha; and the others, Laura Neiswanger, Elsie Cuthbert, Marguerite Thrapp, all of Topeka; Marjorie Herrig, Katherine Knowells and Helen Hunter of Wellington; Gertrude Riley of Holton, Esther Jansen, Hiawatha; and Marguerite Sudam, Leavenworth.

That beautiful pledge service where these wide-eyed, wondering little freshmen did solemnly pledge loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta, certainly made us feel anew our privilege and responsibility in being the leaders and examples in the organization which will make such a vast deal of difference to them during these most important four years. May we inspire them to bring only their best to Theta's shrine.

Although rushing expenses were limited to \$75 this year, our last two parties were a decided success, good-fellowship and cleverness admirably taking the place of more dollars. Our second affair was a show. Invitations were tickets to the "Theta Opery house" at which place the guests were privileged to witness various stunts ranging from the mysterious performance of a magician to the deeds of two daring tricycle riders. The final dinner was given at the home of Frances Perry and was as delightful as the more formal downtown dinners of other years.

We are not giving a fall dance this year since our dues are already as large as we can stand, in order that we can pay on our lots. Last spring we contraced for three lovely corner lots in a new section which had just been opened opposite the campus. Of course it means we must deny ourselves in more ways than one, but Alpha Upsilon feels the time has come when she must have a home of her own.

Several of our girls attended Kappa's initiation, bringing back with them the report of a splendid "sisterly" time and also some new ideas. Among those ideas is the plan for a mother's day next spring. That is such a long way off however, that we have decided very soon we will have an evening for the parent's of the town girls and for the faculty. We want the Theta fathers and mothers to get the habit of coming to their daughters' other home and to know more of the faculty of whom they hear so continually.

The first quarter is just over and with its completion came the gathering in of Theta grades. We receive official reports only once a semester but between those times the fraternity grades are sought out and admonition, encouragement or reproof administered to various individuals, as needed.

Only last week Washburn received a gift of a hundred thousand dollars which, of course, caused great rejoicing. The strenuous financial campaign begun in the spring still goes on under the efficient direction of President Womer.

A busy, happy, growing New Year, with Theta's ideals more of a reality, is Alpha Upsilon's wish for you all.

29 November 1915

Gracia P. Wood

'06 Born to Dr and Mrs Merrill Mills (Allabelle Troutman) a son, William Merrill, jr.

'07 Born on Nov. 12, a son, Frederick Sutherland, to Mr and Mrs F. K. Zutavern (Mary Sutherland).

'09 Born to Mr and Mrs Pericles Miller (Dorothy Glead) a daughter.

'12 Rebecca Welty was married to Grover Dunn, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, on Sept. 22. Their home is in Westmoreland, Kan.

'10-ex Frances Brown (Smith '10) and Vernon Day were married on Nov. 5. They are living in Anthony, Kan.

'15 Esther Clark is spending the winter traveling in California.

Teachers' convention brought back to us for a visit this year, Yetta Conkling, Adelaide Johnson, Martha Sellards, and Louise Heath.

'15 Marjorie Rodgers has accepted a position in the State library.

'16-ex Mary Van Vecten is teaching kindergarten in the Topeka schools this winter.

ALPHA PHI—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

College life is in full sway. Work and play claim the attention of all. There was a slight interruption in the college work caused in the beginning of the term by the storm which swept over this part of the country. But aside from the debris of branches of trees strewn around the campus and a few leaks in our chapter room, there were no other damages caused. We are all safe and sound!

With the opening of classes we found that one of our chapter was a *near-faculty*. Adèle Drouet became *student assistant* in the French department. Rehearsal for the Dramatic club play is now engaging the attention of those histrionically inclined, while basketball practice is indulged in by our athletic members.

The *alumnæ* vaudeville show, the proceeds of which are used for the student loan fund, has become one of the yearly college events. This year the *alumnæ* from our chapter headed the bill with an orchestra performance modelled upon that given by the Cincinnati chapter on stunt night at convention. We thank the latter for its kind permission in allowing us to use their idea.

We were so glad to be able to act upon the resolution made at convention concerning the taking in of upperclassmen. We initiated a junior, Cornelia Laurans, a few weeks ago.

At the election of officers for the staff of our university yearbook, the *Jambalaya*, published jointly by the students of Tulane and Newcomb, Adèle Drouet was elected assistant editor for this year and to become editor-in-chief next year.

The freshman class is treated with great consideration at Newcomb, being entertained with parties galore. The juniors invited them to take a trip on the *Mayflower* and land at a New England party. The junior president presented the president of the freshmen

with a 1919 class banner which was made in the Art School. United with this good spirit the classes are working for their alma mater.

27 November 1915

Adèle Drouet

'12 Ethel Barkdull has returned to college to take Domestic science.

'17 Anna Joyce Morgan is teaching music in Nelville, La.

ALPHA CHI—PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Our pledge day, October 1, came too late for the names of our pledges to go in the last JOURNAL so we are proud to announce at this time the names of our seven fine freshmen. Jane Dye, Hammond, Indiana; Dale Waterbury, Indianapolis, Indiana; Ruth Ferguson, Richmond, Indiana; Gertrude Wycoff, Mansfield, Ohio; Ione Smith, Williamsport, Indiana; Marjorie Clark, West Lafayette; and Beatrice Jamison, Lafayette. We have initiated two upperclassmen; Mildred Severson class of 1917 from Lafayette and Erna Goetsch class of 1918 from Moose Jaw, Canada.

At our open house October 12 we received about three hundred guests! This included members of the faculty and representatives from the various organizations.

The Purdue-Wisconsin game was our home-coming game this year and a new idea was developed. Classes were dismissed and the students and faculty formed a parade marching around Stuart field by classes. A pep session was then held on the bleachers and a banner was offered to the class having the largest representation according to their enrollment. The banner was awarded to the girls for having more according to numbers than the class representation. It was a wonderful sight to see almost 2,000 students marching in their characteristic class distinctions.

In three little plays given at the university six of our girls took part; Irma Connell, Miriam Beall and Gladys Crain having leading parts in these. Theta was indeed proud of her dramatic ability.

Several of our chapter were delightfully entertained by Alpha at her Old Gold day celebration and, upon their return, their glowing accounts made those who were unable to accept the invitation regret more deeply their inability to attend!

A delegation of sixteen from Alpha Chi chaperoned by Bird Goslee Crockett (Mrs. F. S.) attended the Purdue-Indiana game at Bloomington and were most heartily welcomed and entertained by Beta until the special train pulled us away. This perfect day made more real to us the bond of Thetahood.

At class elections this fall the following Thetas were elected: Esther Evans secretary and Irma Connell historian of the junior class. Lucille Riley secretary of the sophomore class. Beatrice Jamison historian and Gertrude Wycoff secretary of the freshman

class. Secretary and historian are the only offices open to girls. Josephine McCord has been elected vice-president of Purdue Girls' club and president of junior girls.

27 November 1915

Philena Palmer

Miss Harris, Grand vice-president of K K Γ was entertained at dinner at our chapter house. Miss Harris was here visiting a petitioning group.

Our chapter entertained at dinner Miss Corbett, field-secretary of Y. W. C. A.

The following girls have been guests at our chapter house while attending games: Helen Johnson, Delta, Inez Lemmon, and Mirian Groenendyke, Beta.

'14 Agnes Phillips was a guest at our open house.

'15 Mary Howard was a guest at the chapter house for the Wisconsin game.

ALPHA PSI—LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Installation caused a week's lull in rushing. After it, we started in with a will and consider that we accomplished more in the last week than in the three weeks preceding our installation. Our formal party was a banquet given at the Hotel Menasha, and our informal was a reception given at the home of Margaret Killen, immediately following the installation of Alpha Psi. In this way it gave the visiting Thetas and members of the Grand council a chance to meet our rushees and the other fraternity girls.

Truce started Saturday, October 9, and on the following Wednesday the freshmen received their invitations to join the different fraternities. Pledge day occurred October 18 and the services were held at the home of Mrs. Spencer, Alpha Delta, followed by a supper spread. We are happy to say that we pledged ten girls, getting absolutely every one we wanted. The names of our pledges are Helen Risdon, De Pere; Gertrude Detjen, Algoma; Doris Lachmann, Neenah; Geraldine Pugh, Racine; Ruth Harper and Marie Paeff, Wausau; Helen Lawson, Menasha; Elsie Davidson, Hubell, Michigan; and Amy and Elizabeth Helmer, Duluth, Minnesota. Leilah Nelson Fannon, an alumna of Kappa Upsilon, who is eligible for Theta, was also pledged at this time.

The pledges entertained the actives and alumnae of Alpha Psi at dinner, November 10. The party was given at the home of Doris Lachmann in Neenah. The girls were met at the interurban line by machines, and were thus conveyed to their destination. The dinner was cooked and served by our freshmen, and we discovered that they were possessors of fine culinary arts, a thing which we were by no means sorry to find out. Dancing was enjoyed afterward, and we all declared that it was a lovely pledge party.

The evening of November 12, the 1916 *Ariel* board gave a minstrel show in the college chapel for the benefit of our yearbook, *The Ariel*. All the groups in college were requested to put on a stunt, and individuals were also allowed to compete. Two prizes were

offered, one for the best individual performance and one for the best group performance. It is a noteworthy fact that Theta was the only woman's fraternity to contribute a stunt, and also the only girls in the whole performance.

The afternoon of November 17 the pledges of Alpha Psi entertained the pledges of the other fraternities at an informal tea, at the home of Elizabeth Stevens. A very enjoyable time was reported, and we all agreed that it was a good way to promote democracy.

A cordial invitation from Madison to attend the Madison-Minnesota game on November 20 was accepted by ten of our chapter. They were delighted with Psi and enjoyed the charming hospitality of her lovely home. It was also a great pleasure to meet so many of the Upsilon Thetas, and we appreciate more than ever being taken into this large sisterhood.

Our alumnae are being infused with the spirit of progress. An alumnae Theta club has been organized, which will have a luncheon in the new city Young Men's Christian association the second Saturday of each month. A business meeting will follow the luncheon. The first meeting was held November 13, and there were twelve in attendance. The aim of the club is to help the college chapter in every way possible, and to strengthen among its alumnae the idea of service for the fraternity at large. Out-of-town alumnae are always very welcome to attend the luncheons.

27 November 1915

Ruth L. Findeisen

[EDITOR'S NOTE—Two tabooed words "sorority" and "school" as well as many redundant clauses we cut from this letter.]

'14 Vera Cass is taking secretarial work at Simmons college, Boston. Vera is eligible to Kappa Alpha Theta, and we hope arrangement will soon be made for her initiation.

'17 Margaret Ritchie attended a meeting of the Wisconsin college press association held at Carrol college, Waukesha, on Nov. 6.

'17 The engagement of Naomi Owens and Mr. Seymour Heymann, both of Oshkosh, was recently announced.

ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

In her very first letter to the JOURNAL Alpha Omega wishes to tell all of her sister Thetas how happy she is to be henceforth a member of the Theta sisterhood. Already the influence of Thetadom has been felt in our midst.

Why should we not be happy when we have so many things to rejoice about? To have been accorded the privilege of personally knowing and entertaining three members of the Grand council and our District president, in addition to the charming visiting Thetas, active and alumnae, should indeed swell our hearts with joyfulness. It has been such a treat to meet every one of the Thetas that we wish we might know every one that bears that name. The alumnae

Thetas of Pittsburgh already seem to have taken us under their protection. Miss Mary Boss only too kindly loaned her spacious home for our initiation. Between sessions the alumnae served a delicious supper to all Thetas and Thetas-to-be.

After the Installation service, the following day, Saturday, ninety-three Thetas all had luncheon together. Here again our council showed their versatility of talent in making speeches. That evening the Pittsburgh Thetas, alumnae and college entertained at a reception all visiting Thetas and friends and faculty of the university. In the receiving line were the three officers of the Grand council, our District president, the wife of the Chancellor of the university, a college and an alumnae Theta.

The following afternoon the first chapter meeting took place. It was an inspiring hour because our officers were loath to leave us with a stone unturned for the settlement of all problems facing a new chapter. The college chapter served tea after the meeting.

In an additional social way, Mrs. McCormick, the wife of our Chancellor, entertained at tea for us and our guests. A local fraternity (which we just this week learned has successfully petitioned Delta Delta Delta for a chapter) also entertained at tea. The third undergraduate women's fraternity, Zeta Tau Alpha, will entertain next Tuesday afternoon for us. At the time of our initiation they sent a dozen American Beauty roses. Interfraternity spirit is splendid just now.

All have been so kind to us that we feel we must be as loyal as possible to Kappa Alpha Theta in order to show our appreciation. How could we help it with Hope Davis Mecklin right here in our midst to help us.

13 December 1915

Cecile Boyd

ALPHA EPSILON—PROVIDENCE ALUMNAE

'01 Born, Oct. 9, to Mr and Mrs Irving Kent Bodurtha (Mabel Jennie Bowe) at Portland, Ore. a son.

'04 Flora M. Cotton entertained the Providence alumnae on the afternoon of Nov. 1 in honor of Hope Davis, Grand president.

'06 Hope Davis, Grand president, and Prof J. M. Mecklin of the University of Pittsburgh, were married on Saturday evening, Nov. 13. Address: after Jan. 17, 1916, King Edward Apts. Pittsburgh, Pa.

'07 The new address of Mrs S. S. Paine (Audrey Lydia Lake) is 41 Methyll st. Providence, R. I.

'07 Born, Aug. 15, to Mr and Mrs A. H. Mitchell (Blanche Luella Smith) a son, John Campbell.

'13 Mr and Mrs M. M. Purdy (Ruth Elizabeth Ryther) have moved to Gaysville, Vt. where Mr Purdy is engaged in the lumber business.

Born in June, to Mr and Mrs R. W. Sayles (Adelaide Burton) a son, Robert Wilcox, jr.

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